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VENUS in LOVE
Episode 6

SHIN-KOBE STATION
SO WE WERE GOING TO TENNIS CAMP FOR OUR CIRCLE...
FRET FRET FRET
KYAAA!
I'M LATE!!
I'M SORRY!
SWISH
YOU'RE LATE!
LOSER!

OKAY!
LET'S GET A MOVE ON, GANG.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET UP WITH EVERYBODY ELSE ON THE PLATFORM!
AH! BUSTED!
BIRDS OF A FEATHER...
CHOP
WHO ARE YOU TO BE CALLING NAMES, EICHI?! YOU JUST GOT HERE YOURSELF A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO!
EXACTLY!
ALL THOSE HILLS GETTIN' HERE AND IT'S ONLY A 50 cc!
'SIDES, MY SCOOTER WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER-LOADED WITH YOU ON BACK!
WE LIVE NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER SO I GOTTA BEND OVER BACK-WARDS FOR YOU?!
WHO YOU CALLIN' A MEANIE?!
SINCE WE'RE NEIGHBORS, YOU COULD'VE OFFERED ME A LIFT ON THE BACK OF YOUR SCOOTER!
MEANIE!
SUCKER SUCKER
OH-HO!
WHERE, AROUND THAT SPARE TIRE?
YAP-YAP
I LOST 3 1/2 POUNDS!
HEH-HEH

THOSE TWO CRACK ME UP!
WHAT'S WRONG, FUKAMI?
HEE HEE HEE
AH!
LIKE LAST TIME...
In Eichi's room
I'D NEVER DO THAT WITH HIM/HER!
IN SYNC
TOTALLY OPPOSITE !!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK !!
SWISH SWISH SWISH
THEY CAN DENY IT ALL THEY WANT...THAT WAS SUSPICIOUSLY ROMANTIC!
?
SNICKER
GUESS THE LOVE BUG'S FINALLY BITTEN EICHI.

THAT'S MY LITTLE SECRET ...
GRIN
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?!
BANG OF THE KNEE KICK
TWITCH
BLUSH
HAS HE JUMPED TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION?
I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS ////
MAYBE I CAN TRY AND HELP HIM COMPLETE THE "LOVE CONNECTION."
TAP TAP
FUKAMI?!
TAP

EH?
BUZZ
HEY! WE'RE OVER HERE!
SERIZAWA-SAN!!
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
BLINK
?
THE STATION'S LIKE THREE TIMES AS CROWDED AS USUAL...
JUST GET ON THE TRAIN!
AH...
I SEE...
I'LL KNOW THESE THINGS
WHY, SURE.
KARUIZAWA'S A SUMMER RESORT. THE PERFECT RENDEZVOUS FOR COUPLES.

HONNNNK
AND I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT DOING IT, BUT ...
I BAKED BANANA CAKE.
TA-DAA
BEAUTIFUL WEATHER!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHATCHA GOT THERE, POODLE-CHAN?
EH?!
SAY IT ISN'T SO!
OH... RIGHT.
FUKAMI, YOU DON'T LIKE BANANAS, DO YOU?

AH!
SNATCH
IT MAY ACTUALLY BE GOOD.
TRY SOME.
AAH!
CHOMP
I SHOULD'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK BEFORE ...
W-WELL ...?
HOW IS IT?
THUMP
THUMP

KARUIZAWA!
AAH!
TASTES LIKE BANANAS!
AHAHAHA!
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY ABOUT IT, FUKAMI!
KYAA!
KYAA!
EVEN THE AIR IS DIFFERENT OVER HERE. ♡
THOSE TWO ARE PERKY NO MATTER WHERE WE GO...
AHA HA!

THANKS FOR BEFORE...
WAGGYP
DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...
EVEN HE GETS BASHFUL SOMETIMES.
CHUCKLE
HEH-HEH.
FUKAMI-KUN!
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
IN FRONT OF THAT GROVE!
LET'S TAKE A PICTURE TOGETHER.
KYAAA!
bristol

Hi, Nakaji here!

Thank you for picking up the second volume of "Venus in Love." I took a lot of care with the colors on the cover this time around. Hehehe! Since "Venus" is about a boy who's in love with another boy, I've gotten a wide range of responses from readers. It's fascinating.

I'd love to read your reactions to this volume too, so please send them in.

1/4 SPACE CONTENTS

1. Character Who's who? (4) Hinako & Honoka
2. Who's who? (5) Tomoki & Shizuka
3. Who's who? (6) Hakarin and Seitzaura
4. A Day in the Life of Maotaro(36)
   ↑
   Nakaji's Longest Running Serial and Thailand Chronicle." Whew!
5. Horizontal 1/4

I WANNA TAKE A NICE PICTURE LIKE THAT TOO...
LUCKY!
WANT ME TO SNAP A TWO-SHOT?
PAT PAT
DRIP
SO THIS IS WHAT HE HAD IN MIND...
CHEESE!
HAKUBA HOTEL
KARUIZAWA'S FAMOUS SHINSHU SOBA DOBU

WE STAY HERE EVERY YEAR!
KYAAA
IT'S SO CUTE!
OVER THERE ARE THE TENNIS COURTS!
KYAAA
THEY'RE SO CLEAN!
AND WE GET TWIN BEDS.
CLASSY PLACE.
FWP
FWP
Twin beds here, too
DON'T THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU SLEEP, FUKAMI... HEH-HEH
I'M DEFINITELY GONNA SLEEP...

SWISH
AH!
POK
POK
GRIN
GRIN
SUZUNA, LET'S PRACTICE.
THAT'S OUR CLUB'S ACE, ALL RIGHT!
KYAAA♥

HOW ABOUT PLAYING A PRACTICE GAME WITH FUKAMI?
YES?
UO-ZUMI!
HE'S ACTUALLY GOOD, TOO...
WHOMP
EH?!
LUCKY!
LUCKY?
POODLE.

WHAT?!
HEH-- HEH
I HOPE YOU GET THE STUFFING KNOCKED OUT OF YOU. ♡
ONE SET MATCH.
SERVICE: UOZUMI.
WELL, SINCE THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF IT...
SWISH
A MATCH WITH FUKAMI, HUH?
POK
POK

WHOOSH
EH?
THOK
WH
AP
0-15.
GUESS THAT'S HOW THEY'VE GOTTA DO IT...
GRIN
SCRATCH SCRATCH
WOW...
BEST FRIENDS OR NOT, THERE'S NO HOLDING BACK HERE.
TH...
THAT'S FAST...

ACK!
0-40.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
CRAP!
FU-KAMI'S GOT HIM ...
HEH-HEH
... CHASING AFTER THE BALL!

AH!
HE'S GONNA SMASH IT!
SMASH
PERFECT!
WHIZZ
EICHI! DIVE FOR IT!

I DID IT!
IT'S IN!
IT'S IN!
WHAP
CH
OK
15-40.
HUH?
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
UWAAA!
FUKAMI WON A SWEEPING VICTORY OVER EICHI.
☆
THE FINAL SCORE WAS 6-0.
CHUCKLE
OH! ER...
GASP

HUFF
HUFF
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
SHAKE
FUKAMI!
I'LL GET MY REVENGE BACK AT THE HOTEL!
SQUEEZE

FW
UNO!
AP
ALL THAT FOR UNO...?
YESSS!!
AND LATER, PING PONG...
LEAN
THAT'S PLAYING DIRTY!
I...
TAP
EDGE
SHUDDER

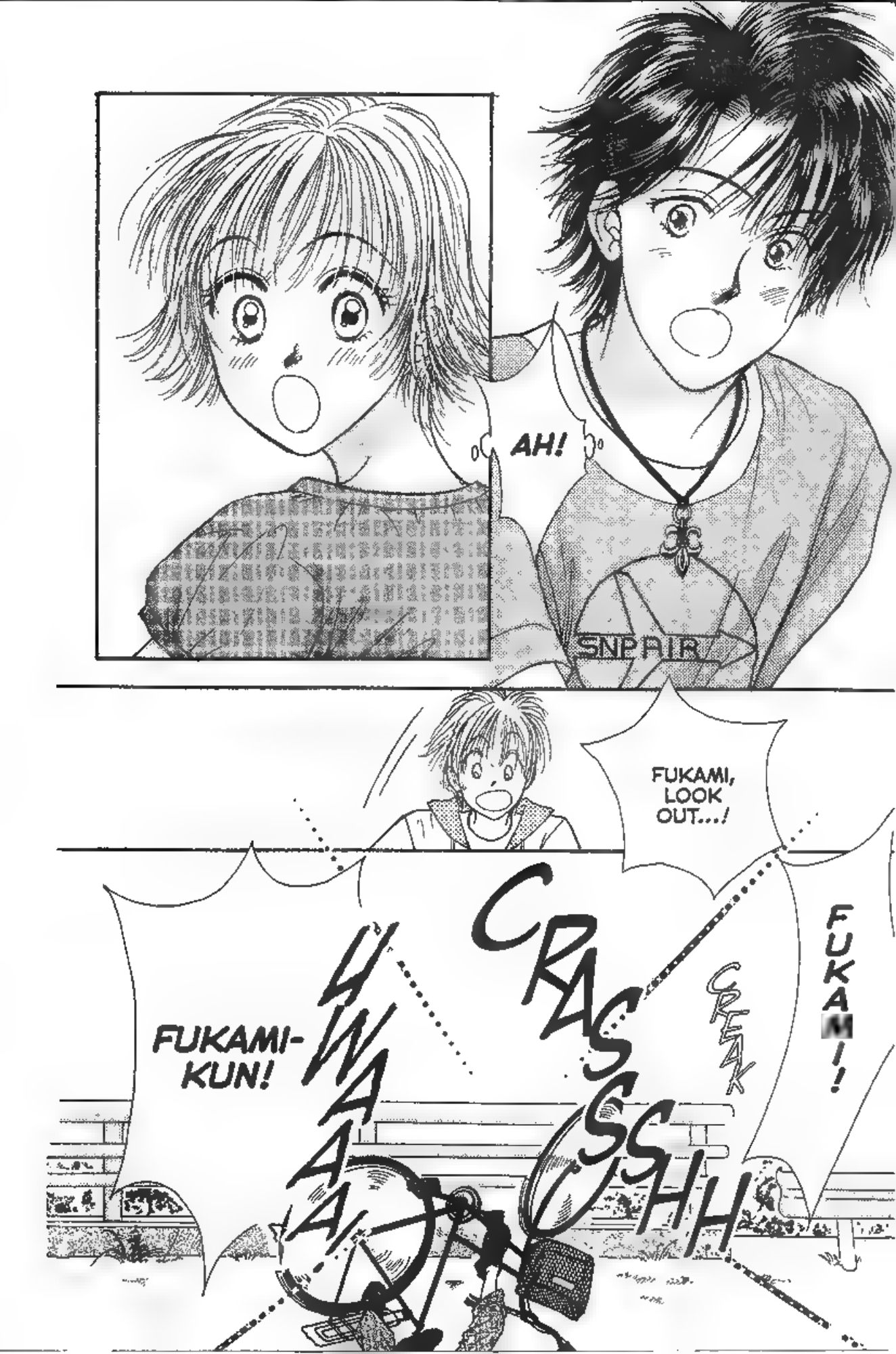
YEEE-HAAA!
...WON!
I BEAT FUKAMI!
SOUNDS LIKE THE WHIMPERING OF A WHIPPED DOG TO ME...
LICK LICK
FWISH...
AHAHAHA!
GOOF-BALL!
YOU'RE THE DOG, POODLE.
WHINE, WHINE!
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
STUPID SUZUNA!
IDIOT EICHI!

SWISH
YOU GUYS...
104
...REALLY HAVE CHEM-ISTRY!
CHUCKLE
GRIN GRIN
ARE YOU JEAL-OUS?
HUH ?!
OF YOU?!
AH!

FOOO
FUKAMI... THAT'S NOT...
...WHAT I MEANT.
WELL, ASHIHARA-SAN SURE IS CUTE!
NON-NON
WAA!
ZZZZ
WHERE AM I GOING...
...WITH THIS FEELING?
CHUCKLE
ZZZZ

THE NEXT DAY, FREE TIME...
HWAAA!
IT'S BEAUTI-FUL!
in Happy Valley
...SQUIRRELS!
I WANNA SEE...
WHERE TO NEXT?!
SHAAA
..AND TAKE HIM HOME!
I WANT TO PUT HIM IN MY POCKET ...
TRICKLE TRICKLE
TRICKLE TRICKLE
CHICKLE
PRETTY.
NIBBLE NIBBLE NIBBLE
Japanese squirrel

HOW ABOUT WE RIDE TO THE WILD BIRD FOREST?
YEAHHH!
BLUE-BERRY TART.
LINGON-BERRY JUICE.
APPLE ICE CREAM.
I'LL HAVE THE SAME!
I THOUGHT WE CAME HERE FOR LUNCH.
Lake Shirasawa


AH!
SNPAIR
FUKAMI, LOOK OUT...!
FUKAMI-KUN!
HWAAA!
CRASSHH
CREAK
FUKAMI!

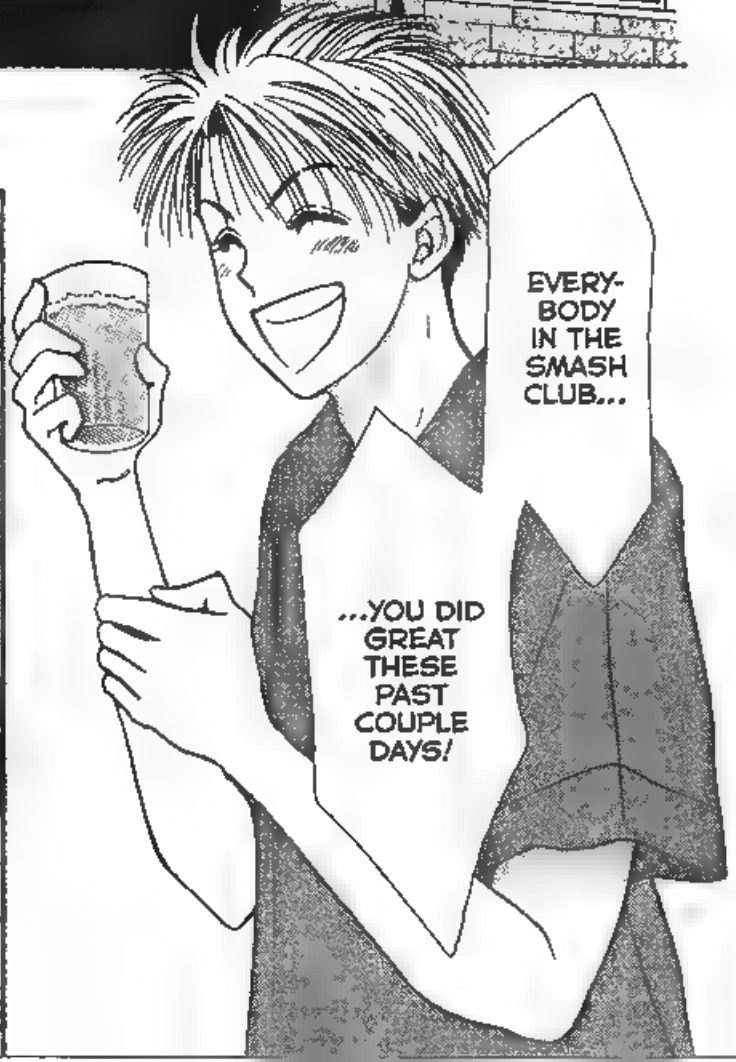
SHOCKED
AH...
AH!
WHAT A BONEHEAD!
UHA HA HA!
TOO BAD, HE WAS HANDSOME!
I HOPE HE'S OKAY...
SO HIS NAME'S FUKAMI-KUN...

DODO!
FUKAMI-KUN?!
OWWW...
YEAH, SURE!
H-HEY, YOU ALL RIGHT?!

F...
FUKAMI-KUN!
AH!
AAAH!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
YOU'RE BLEED-ING!
THAT WAS THE GIRL...
...I MET ON THE TRAIN!
PAT
PAT
SO SHE'S HERE TOO...
AH!
HA HA ...
IT'LL STOP IF I LICK IT.
LICK
THUMP

HEH-HEH.
♫
GET YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER.
♡

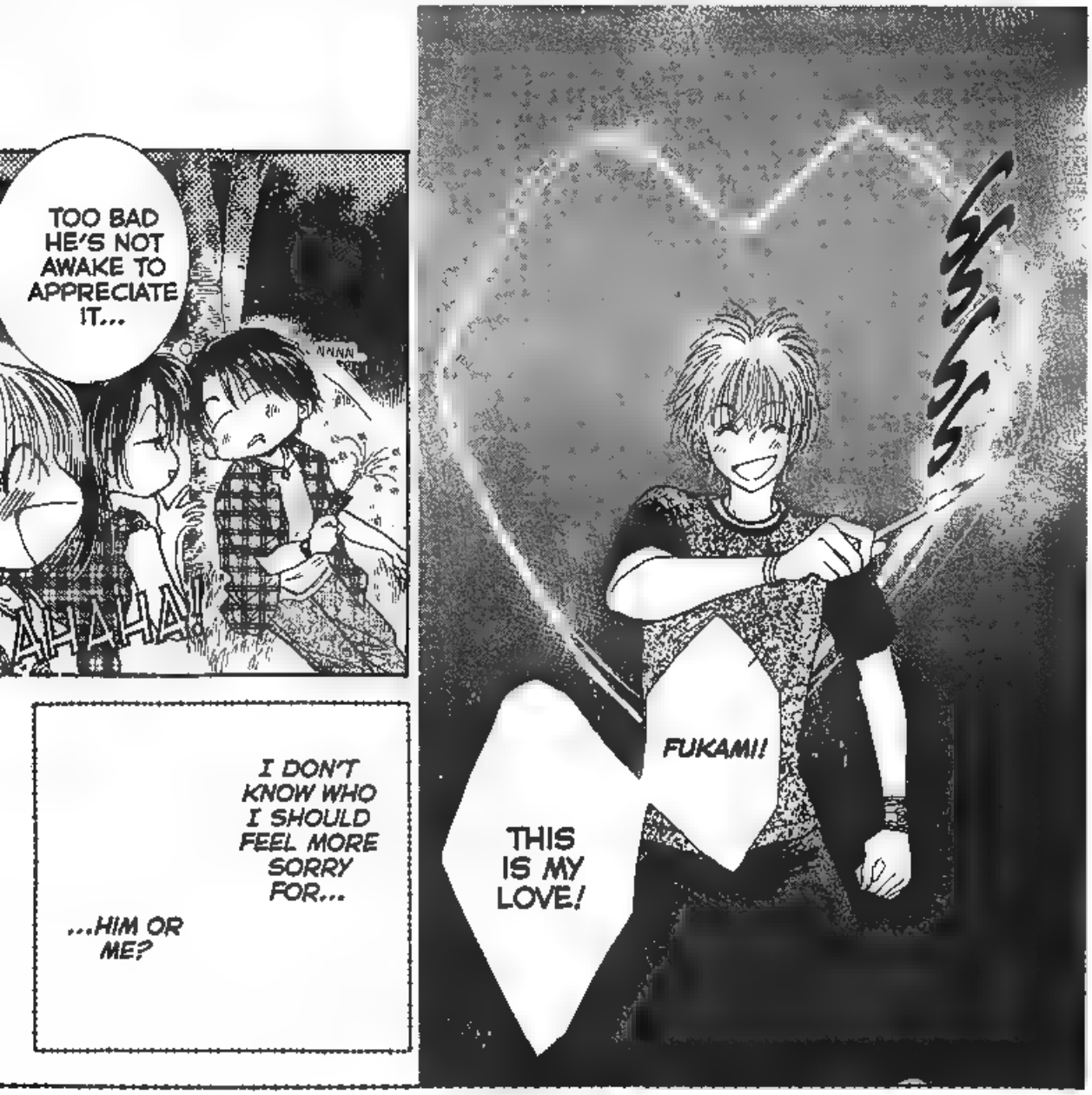
YAAAAAY!


EVERY-BODY IN THE SMASH CLUB...
...YOU DID GREAT THESE PAST COUPLE DAYS!

THOSE GUYS DOTE ON HIM...
...CONSTANTLY
SURE IS POPULAR.
DRINK, FUKAMI, DRINK!
THAT'S AN ORDER FROM YOUR ELDERS!
GLUB
SCCCS
High school tennis club alumni party
YEAH!
PRETTY MUCH...
TING
SO YOU HAVING FUN PLAYIN' TENNIS, UOZUMI-CHAN?
AHAHAHA!
AH! I CAN'T BREATHE!
AEEE!
GOOF-BALLS!
DAMN, YOU'RE CUTE.
GRAB

WHEW!
THE PARTY'S LOSING ITS COUPLES ...
OH.
HUH?
EH ?!
THUMP
PAT
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE SLIP OUT OF HERE TOO?
NNNN~
YOU'RE DRUNK, FUKAMI.
THE FOUR OF US!
OH, I GET IT!

POK
POK
KYA HA HA!
FIRE-WORKS !!
OVER THE LAKE!
WATCH THIS!


TOO BAD HE'S NOT AWAKE TO APPRECIATE IT...
NNNN
AHAHA!
I DON'T KNOW WHO I SHOULD FEEL MORE SORRY FOR...
...HIM OR ME?
FUKAMI!
THIS IS MY LOVE!

WHO'S GONNA BE THE KING?!

CHOP-STICKS? WHERE'D YOU GET THOSE?
WHO'S UP FOR A GAME?!
SWISH
I STOLE EM FROM THE CAFETERIA
THUMP

WAA!
THE EVILEST OF US ALL!
GRIN
LOOKS LIKE IT'S ME!
YIPE!
...STRIP.
CHUCKLE
PLAYER NUMBER THREE...
F-FUKAMI--KUN!
"KAY"?!
'KAY.
SWISH

WA HA GYA HA! HAHA AHAH!
YOU'RE STRIPPING FROM THE BOTTOM UP?!
FUKAMI, YOU ROCK!
TAKE IT ALL OFF!
F-WISH
F...
FU-KAMI... KUN?

SUDDENLY SOBER
G-GOOD EVE-NING.
PUT ON YOUR PANTS, FUKAMI!
WAAAA!

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Episode 7

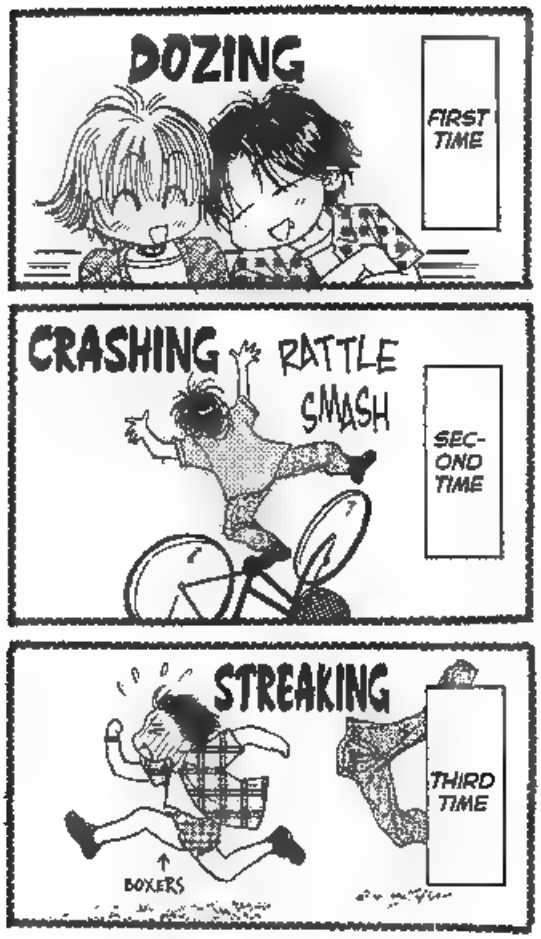
CHIRP CHICKAAA CHIRP
CHIRP CHICKAAA CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP
DRIP
HIGH SUMMER.
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
YOUR RACKET'S ONLY MAKING THE HEAT WORSE!
SWISH
LOCUSTS, SHUT UP!
GRAAAAR!-

YEAH, A FEW DAYS OF THIS AND I'LL BE REDUCED TO A PUDDLE!
ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO DENYING IT'S SUBTROPICAL IN HERE!
PHEW!
DRIP DRIP
HECK, YOU COULD FRY MEAT OUT ON THE VERANDA!
AND IT'S PROBABLY MAKING THE NEIGHBORS MAD TOO!
YOUR TIRADE IS WHAT'S MAKING THE HEAT WORSE, EICHI!
FWAP
AH!
FORGET IT!
CLAP
FUKAMI ...
GO GET US SOME ICE CREAM.
...ABOUT THAT NIGHT...
HEH
YOU WANT ME TO SPREAD THE WORD...

WAA
AAA
AA
IT'D MAKE A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW ONE MOMENT OF INDISCRETION CAN LEAD TO A LIFETIME OF NOTORIETY!
♥
DRIP DRIP DRIP
PFFFT
TWITCH
HEE-HEE-HEE
...IN KARUI-ZAWA?
ABOUT YOU AND YOUR BLUE-CHECKED UNDIES?

OKAY! I WON'T MEN-TION IT ANY-MORE! I PROM-ISE...!
WHUP
IF I'D VIDEO-TAPED THAT, I'D BE WATCHING IT EVERY DA--

BY THE WAY...
TWITCH
WITH THE HAIR ABOUT YAY-SHORT ...
YOU KNOW, "GOOD EVENING, FUKAMI-KUN..."
FLUTTER
FLUTTER♥
...WHO WAS THAT GIRL?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HER NAME...
STAGGER
?
RATTLE
Summer 1992


DOZING
FIRST TIME
CRASHING
RATTLE
SMASH
SEC-OND TIME
STREAKING
THIRD TIME
BOXERS

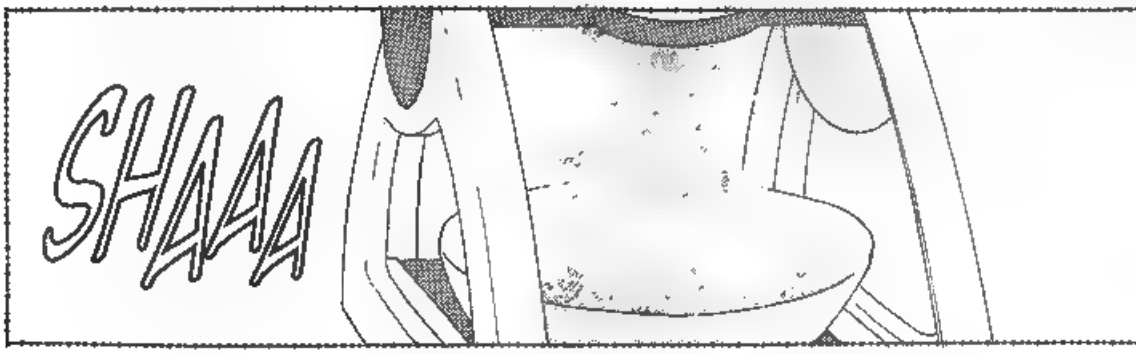
IT'S LIKE...
...EVERY TIME I RUN INTO HER...

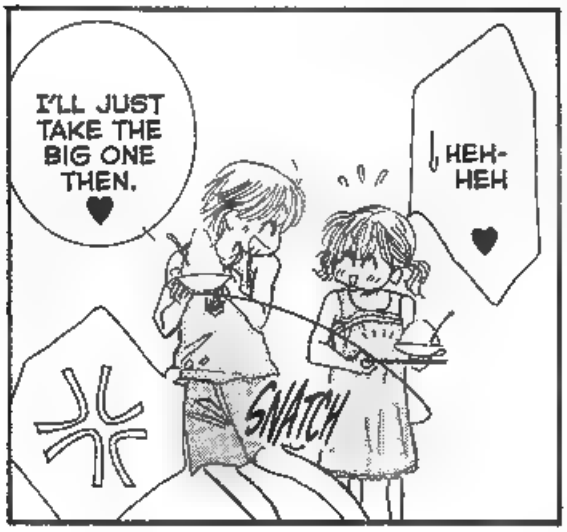
HUH...

AGHHH!
...I'M A COM-PLETE MORON!

I BROUGHT JUST THE RIGHT TREAT TO BEAT THIS HEAT!
HEY, HEY, HEY!
207
EICHI UOZUMI
IT'S OPEN...
TO LET THE BREEZE IN
F-FU-KAMI-KUN'S HERE!
POODLE!! ASHIHARA-SAN!
NO, STAY, STAY!
UNDERTONE
...I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR WAY HERE...
L-LONG TIME NO SEE!
I'M IN LUCK.

AGAIN WITH THE RETRO STUFF...
IT WAS IN ONE OF MY BAGS FROM HOME!
MY LITTLE BROTHER PUT IT IN THERE FOR ME
I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THOSE IN THE LONGEST TIME!
THAT'S RIGHT! A SHAVED ICE* MAKER!
ICE SHAVER
...IS GONNA BEAT TH HEAT?
* Equivalent to a "sno-cone" but without the cone part


SHAAA

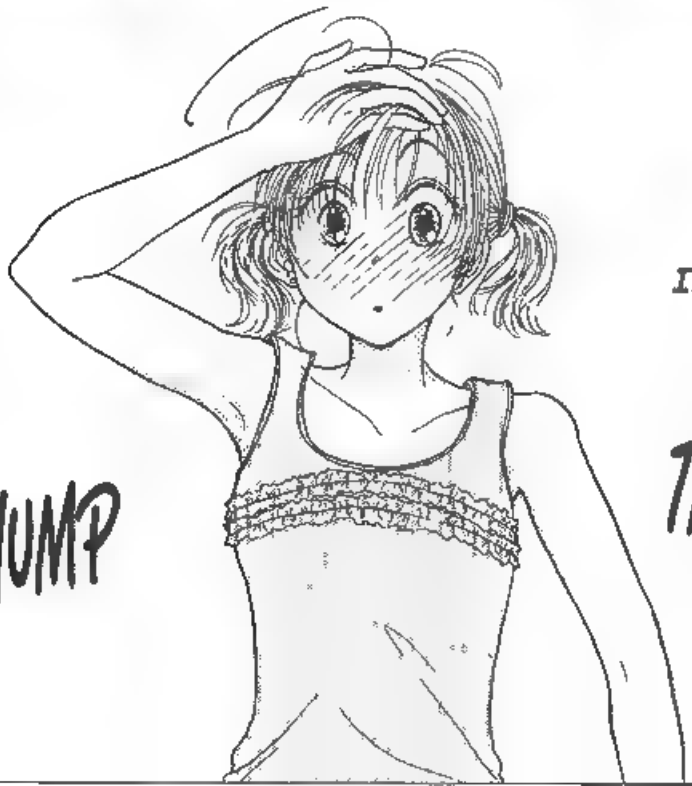

I'LL JUST TAKE THE BIG ONE THEN.
HEH-HEH
SNATCH

ISN'T THERE A BIT OF A DISPARITY BETWEEN THE TWO MOUNDS, POODLE-CHAN?
AH!
FUKAMI'S
EICHI'S
Summer 1999

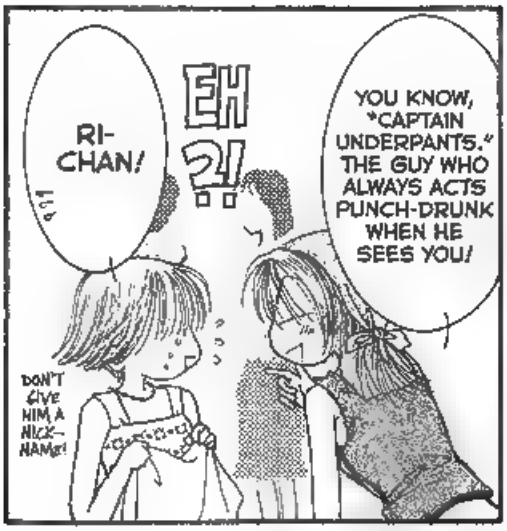
SHAVE IT YOURSELF!
MAY I HAVE ANOTHER ?
AHAHA!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO EAT IT!
COOL...
SHAVED ICE IS THE BEST.
A LITTLE LONELY
SLAM
OH! I'LL LEAVE WITH YOU.
GOTTA WORK TODAY!
AH!
I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!

SNICKER
SNICKER
?
J
MAN ...
... WHAT A CLOWN, Y'KNOW?
HEH— HEH— HEH!
YEAH!
HE IS A LOT OF FUN, ISN'T HE?

SEE YA!
RUFFLE RUFFLE


...WASN'T EXPECTING THAT...
THUMP
I...
THUMP

HONOKA!
SEISHIN WOMEN'S JUNIOR COLLEGE.
DRESSES AND ACCESSORIES DEPT.
IF I FINISH IN TIME, IT'LL BE A MIRACLE!
I WAS TOLD TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD!
OH... SORRY.
DRIP
DRIP
EH...
SO-SO.
NOT GOOD?
HOW'S THE GRADUATION PROJECT GOING?
HOW ABOUT YOU, RI-CHAN?


RI-CHAN!
EH ?!
YOU KNOW, "CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS." THE GUY WHO ALWAYS ACTS PUNCH-DRUNK WHEN HE SEES YOU!
DON'T GIVE HIM A NICK-NAME!

BY THE WAY...
...HOW'S PUNCHY-KUN?
P-PUNCHY-KUN?

I WOULDN'T KNOW!

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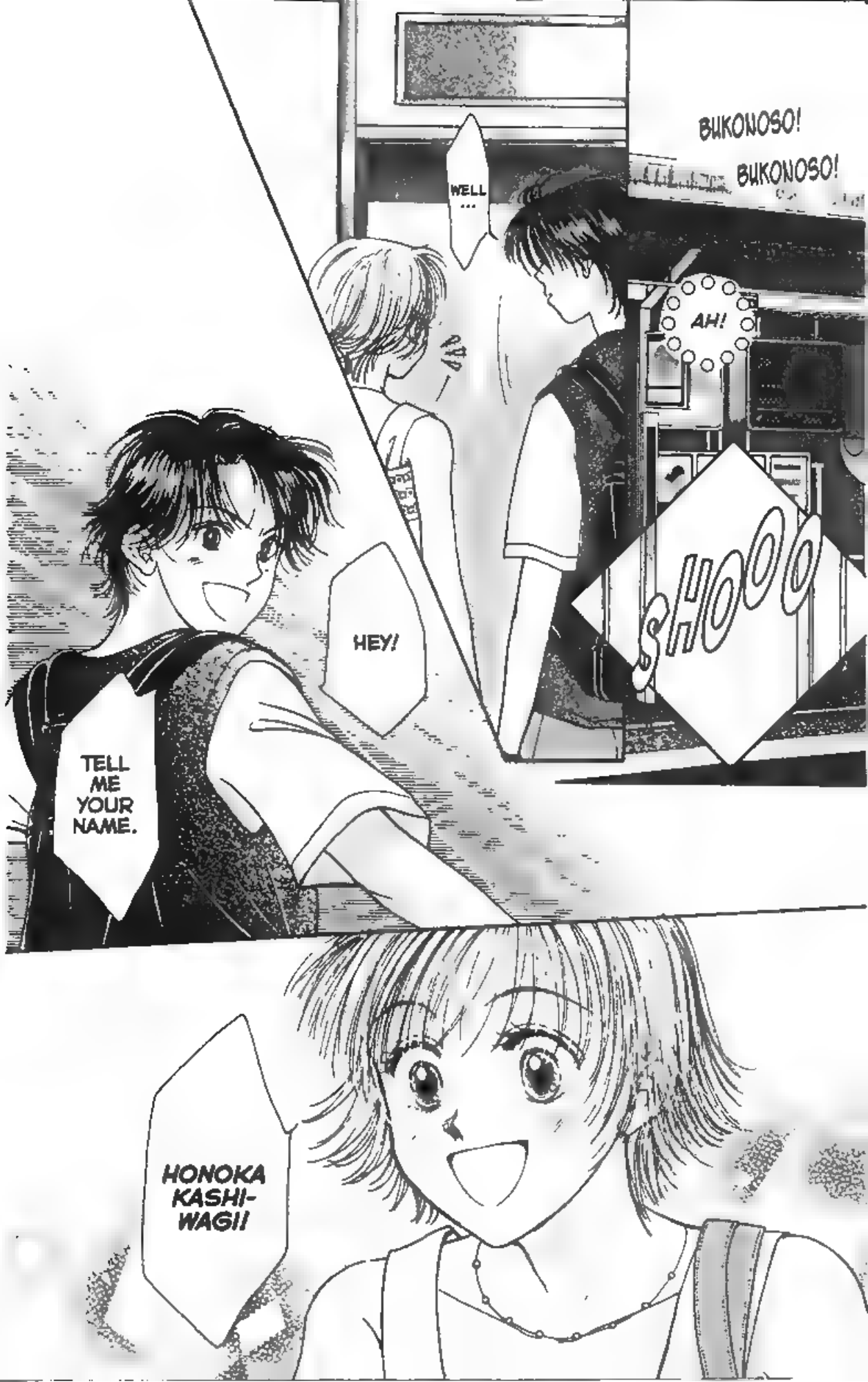
WHAT UNIVERSITY DOES HE GO TO?
WHAT'S HIS LIFE LIKE?

SHOOO
NISHIMIYA! NISHIMIYA KITAGUCHI!
NISHIMIYA KITAGUCHI
AN-OTHER LATE NIGHT!

RATTLE
RATTLE
H-
HI!
H-
HEY!
?
PAT
PAT
GASP
COVERED WITH LOOSE THREADS

THREADS ALL OVER ME...
TH--
TH-THAT'S SO CUTE...
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
!
Here too
Here too
?
?

AH! THAT'S RIGHT! I'M A CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES MAJOR AT SEISHIN WOMEN'S!
DRESS-MAK-ING?
RIGHT NOW, I'M WORKING ON THE FINAL STAGES OF MY GRADUA-TION DRESS.
I WONDER HOW SHE GOT THESE ON HER?
PAT
AH! TH-
THANK YOU!
PAT
THUMP THUMP
AH!
WHAT'S THAT LAUGH SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
SHE SURE DOESN'T LOOK OLDER THAN ME...
SNICKER SNICKER
GRAD-UATION ...
SECOND YEAR
← FIRST YEAR


BUKONOSO!
BUKONOSO!
WELL ...
AH!
SHOOO
HEY!
TELL ME YOUR NAME.
HONOKA KASHI-WAGI!

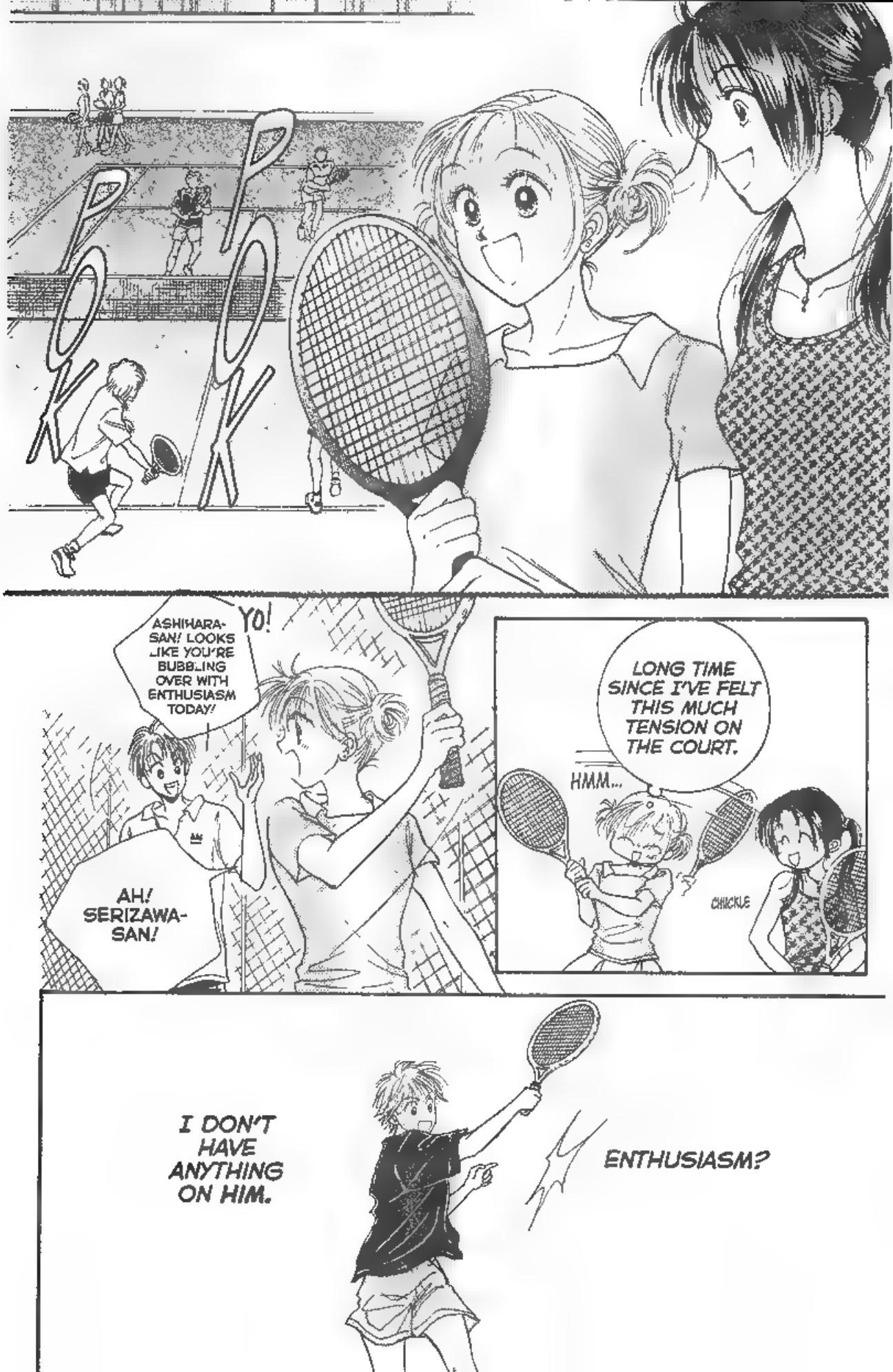
YESSSS!
FSSSHT
DING-DONG
DING-DONG
KA-CHA
WHO-EVER YOU ARE, YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS...?!

FUKA ...
GRAB
I KNOW HER NAME !!
HAH?!
OUCH!
WHUMP
WAAA!
THAT GIRL'S NAME!

WHAM
HUH?
AP
I WAKE UP OUT OF A SOUND SLEEP, THINKING "WHAT THE HELL ...?!"
AND IT'S JUST YOU BEING A FOOL
YAWWN
OWW...
YOU GOT ME RIGHT IN THE SOLAR PLEXUS...
JEEZ...
SOME-HOW...
...
SHE'S
...
...
DIFFERENT.

YAA AWN
I MEAN, SHE'S INCREDIBLY CUTE!
I WAS SO EXCITED I COULDN'T SLEEP.
GUESS I WILL CATCH A FEW Z'S AFTER ALL...
WHEN IT COMES TO SLEEPING, THIS GUY HAS NO RIVALS!
ZZZZ
POKE
WAKE UP!
IN MY BED?!

CRAP...


POK POK
YO!
ASHIHARA-SAN! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BUBBLING OVER WITH ENTHUSIASM TODAY!
AH! SERIZAWA-SAN!
LONG TIME SINCE I'VE FELT THIS MUCH TENSION ON THE COURT.
HMM...
CHUCKLE
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON HIM.
ENTHUSIASM?

THAT MAY EVEN BE A "TALENT."
SWI SH
HE SEEMS TO GET BETTER AND BETTER EVERY TIME I SEE HIM ON THE COURT.
AAH!
POK
NICE RALLY!
CRACK

...THERE WAS AN OBVIOUS GAP BETWEEN THEIR ABILITIES.
WHEN THEY HAD A MATCH...
...IN KARUI-ZAWA...
...AGAINST FUKAMI-KUN...
...WHO DIDN'T GIVE HIM AN INCH OF SLACK.
UOZUMI-KUN PITTED EVERYTHING HE HAD...

YEAH...
NO, NO, NO, EICHI!
GRAAAR
...ABOUT BOTH OF THEM.
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE...

IMAGINE YOU'RE KISSING THE LEFT SHOULDER AS YOU SWING.
TAP TAP
WHEN YOU'RE DOING A TWO-HANDED SWING, YOU ROTATE YOUR BODY!
LIKE THIS?

I HATE HIM! I HATE HIM!
KYAAA!
CRUNCH
NOT MY SHOULDER!
FINALLY GET TO GO HOME!
AHHHH...
FIRST TERM EXAMS REPORT CARD
STUDENT NUMBER
HISTORY
ENGLISH I
CHINESE
MATHEMATICS
BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
PHYSICS I
B
C
E
B
C
A
LITERATURE
ENGLISH II
WORLD HISTORY
GEOLOGY
PHYSICS
A
B
B
C
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
FUTTER...

UGH! IT'S LIKE GREEK IS...GREEK TO ME!
SIGH...
FWP
KYAAA!
SSHH
AH!
SHRIEK
SHRIEK
AH!
AH!
FLUTTER
WAAA!

TH-THANK YOU!
SNATCH
IT'S OKAY!
S-SORRY ABOUT THAT... REALLY...
WHAT A NICE PERSON, CHASING MY MEDIOCRE REPORT CARD FOR ME!
NO PRO-BLEM!

UM...
DIDN'T I SEE YOU IN KARUIZAWA?
ARE YOU FUKAMI-KUN'S ...
... FRIEND ?
THUMP THUMP THUMP
THE GIRL WHO CALLED OUT TO FUKAMI-KUN AT THE LAKE.
OH ...

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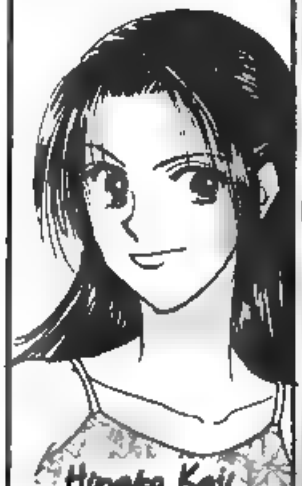
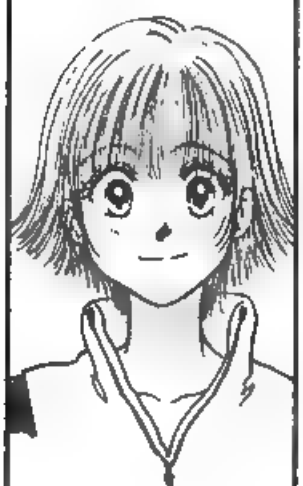


Hinako Kaji

- Blood type: B
- Born on August 5th
- Freshman at Koto University ♡
- Suzuna's best friend
- Loves Hokari-sensei
- Seems like cute guys are her type



Honoka Kashiwagi

- Blood type: O
- Born on June 15th
- 2nd year clothing and accessories major at
- Seishin Women's Junior College
- Hobby: Making clothes
- Seems to get a kick out of Fukami's naturally goofy behavior

S-SHE'S CUTE...
THUMP THUMP
AH!
SEE YOU AROUND !!
YEAH, SEE YOU!
WELCOME HOME, POODLE-CHAN.

SHE HELPED ME OUT!
SHE'S A NICE GIRL!
OH, THE GIRL FUKAMI CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT ?!
OH! GUESS WHAT?
I JUST RAN INTO THAT GIRL WE SAW AT THE LAKE IN KARUIZAWA!
?
DIG DIG

OVER HERE.
RI-CHAN!
THE NEXT DAY, KOTO UNIVERSITY...
DRESSING AS LOUDLY AS EVER...
HER BOY-FRIEND!
TAKA-HIRO.
SOUNDS GOOD!
WHY DON'T WE GET SOME TEA?
APOLOGIES TO YOU TOO, HONDA-CHAN!
THREE.
SORRY! I'VE STILL GOTTA REHEARSE!
COMEDY CLUB
WHAT TIME DOES YOUR SHOW START?
IT'S OKAY! I UNDER-STAND!

KP
AK
POK
POK
TENNIS!
I WONDER IF FUKAMI-KUN IS IN THAT CLUB...
HEY!
PUNCHY-KUN!

WH
EH?
OK
DRIP DRIP
SEE? THAT'S WHY I CALL HIM PUNCHY-KUN.

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Episode 8
Chicko

SEPTEM-
BER.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BOOM
10,850
STUPID GAME...!
ARGH!
UOZUMI-KUN.
☆
WANT SOME TAKOYAKI*?
HUH? DID YOU DYE YOUR HAIR?
* Balls of wheat-flour batter cooked with pieces of octopus

DON'T TELL ME...EICHI'S WOMAN, RIGHT?
HAH?
WHAT, HAVE YOU GONE SENILE? BECAUSE IF THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A JOKE, IT'S LAME!
SORRY!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
LITTLE GIRLS!
!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THIS" ?!
?
SNICKER
...IS HIS TYPE?
THIS ...

2000 was the Year of the Dragon..

THIS IS TOMO-KI, MY YOUNGER BROTHER BY TWO YEARS.
GRRR
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE IS MORE COMPACT THAN UOZUMI-KUN...
YOU TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE...
...WHEN IT COMES TO BEING EXTREMELY RUDE!
CHUCK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ANYWAY?
SHIVER
IT'S YOUR FAULT ...!
TWITCH
MORON!
YOU NEVER GO HOME SO MOM SENT ME HERE TO GET YOU!
DON'T YOU EVER LISTEN TO YOUR ANSWERING MACHINE?
NOPE!
RECENTLY, MY PART-TIME JOB'S GOT ME SO POOPED THAT I COLLAPSE SOON AS I GET BACK!

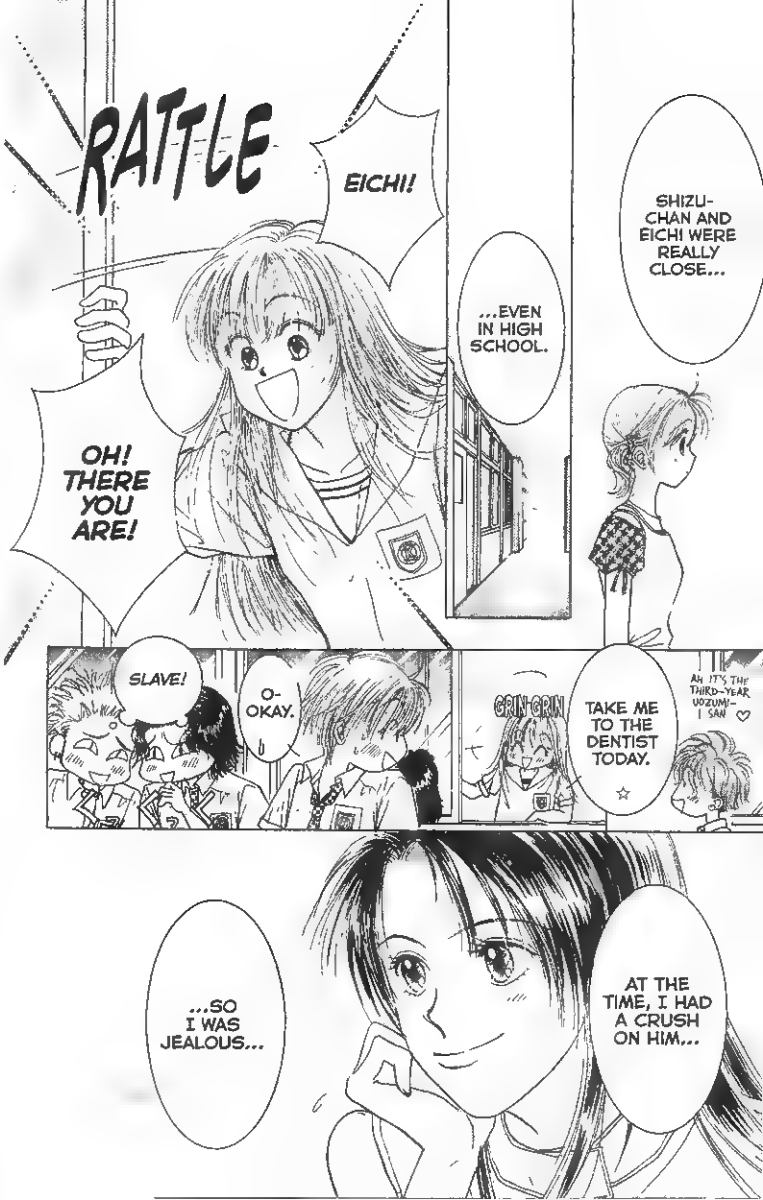
EH...?
WELL, NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF SHIZU'S DEATH!
YOUR SISTER, REMEMBER?! SO DON'T FORGET IT, DUMBASS!
FUCK
SAME TO YOU!
DON'T CALL ME A DUMBASS, DUMBASS!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING GOING ON THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW AND I CAN'T GET OUT OF IT.
GIVE MOM MY APOLOGIES.
YOUU ...

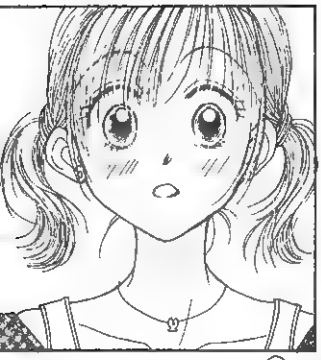
QUIVER QUIVER
SQUEAK! SQUEAL!
GRAB
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
THEY'RE STILL HOT...!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME TAKO-YAKI...
SO MY VOICE CRACKS? WHAT DO YOU WANT?! I'M STILL GOING THROUGH PUBERTY!
PRICE-LESS...
KA-HA-HA!
GASP

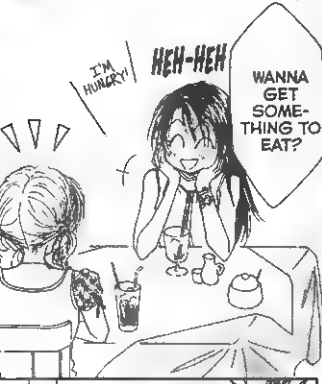
SUZOONA, HUH? THAT'S A WEIRD NAME!
MY NAME IS SUZUNA ASHIHARA! NOT "WOMAN"!
KA-CHA! KA-CHA
FWIP
.....
WOMAN!
I WON'T BE APPEASED BY FOOD!
SLAM
HEE-HEE-HEE
BAMBAM
EICHI! DON'T LEAVE ME OUT HERE!
WAAAA!
THAT'S WHAT HE GETS!

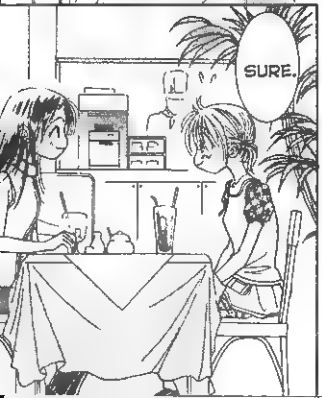
HUH...
SO TOMOKI-CHAN'S AT EICHI'S PLACE?
CAFE
OVER HERE!
SORRY I CALLED YOU SO SUDDENLY!
CHUCKLE
AS IF I NEEDED ANOTHER UOZUMI AROUND TO INSULT ME!
YEP.
TOMOKI-CHAN IS CUTE, ISN'T HE?
HAH?
DRIP
CUTE?
CUTE HOW?
FRIENDLY LITTLE GUY...
HE CALLS ME "HINA-CHAN" ♡
HE TREATS ME LIKE A BIG SISTER, WHICH IS CUTE SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY SIBS...
CHUCKLE
A-ARE WE THINKING OF THE SAME PERSON?!
MAYBE HE'S GOT A SOFT SPOT FOR BEAUTIFUL GIRLS?
SHUDDER...

SHIZU-CHAN?
YEAH!
ER...
UM...
UOZUMI-KUN HAS... HAD...
...A SIS-TER?
SHE PASSED AWAY THE YEAR BEFORE LAST IN AN ACCIDENT WHILE ON A TRIP.
OH...
SHIZU-CHAN WAS TWO YEARS OLDER THAN EICHI...
WHEN SHE WAS A FRESHMAN AT UNIVERSITY, SHE AND A FRIEND WENT TO HAWAII...


RATTLE
EICHI!
OH! THERE YOU ARE!
...EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL.
SHIZU-CHAN AND EICHI WERE REALLY CLOSE...
SLAVE!
O-OKAY.
GRIN GRIN
TAKE ME TO THE DENTIST TODAY.
☆
AH, IT'S THE THIRD-YEAR UOZUMI-SAN ♡
...SO I WAS JEALOUS...
AT THE TIME, I HAD A CRUSH ON HIM...







...AND AT THE SAME TIME ENVIOUS BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS OF MY OWN.

BA
M
DIDN'T REALIZE HOW LATE IT WAS!
T-T-TOMOKI-KUN?
SHUDDER
UWAAA!
WHUMP
DAMN YOU, EICHI!

HEY!
H-HI...
THUMP THUMP
YOU CAN TELL EICHI...
EH...?
...THAT I'M THROUGH WITH HIM!
GULP!
HE'S GONNA BREAK THE DOOR!
THROB THROB

M-MAYBE I SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED ...
BUT IT'S GNAWING AT ME...
THUMP
THUMP
S-SCARED ME FOR A SECOND THERE
TH-
THIS IS JUST A NORMAL FIGHT BE-TWEEN BROTH-ERS?
DASH
SLUMP
DING-DONG
GO!
UO-ZUMI-KUN...
CLICK
IT'S OPEN.
SILENCE
HUH?

MY HAND, POODLE-CHAN!
YOU'RE STEPPING ON MY HAND!
YEOW!
WAAAA!
THE TILED FLOOR IS COOLER SO IT FEELS GOOD...HEH-HEH...
WELL, WHAT'RE YOU DOING SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR?!

TOMOKI-KUN WAS ANGRY.
OH YEAH?
WHY AREN'T YOU GOING HOME?
'CAUSE I DON'T WANNA.

WELL, YOU SHOULD, FOR THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF A DEATH.
I CAN'T ANY-WAY.
I'VE GOTTA WORK THAT DAY...
...AND IT'S TOO LATE TO ASK SOMEONE TO SWITCH WITH ME.
WHY...
...ARE YOU RUN-NING AWAY LIKE THIS?
THUMP
THUMP
WHENEVER I'M AT HOME...
...IT'S LIKE THE FEELING THAT SHIZU'S NOT THERE GETS SHOVED IN MY FACE.

ONLY SHE'S GONE.
THE DINNER TABLE IS THE SAME ...
HER ROOM IS THE SAME ...
I'LL BRING YOU BACK A T-SHIRT WITH "HAWAII" ON IT AS A SOUVENIR!
EICHI...

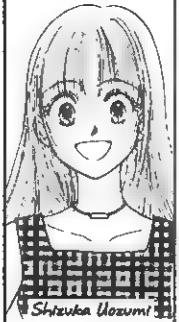
SOB
SOB
!
RUSTLE
UHHH!
(CRAP!
AH!
RUB

HIC...
MIND SUDDENLY WENT BLANK
WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
UGYAAA!
JUST BEING MEAN.
GRIN
SHUDDER

Character Who's Who? (5)

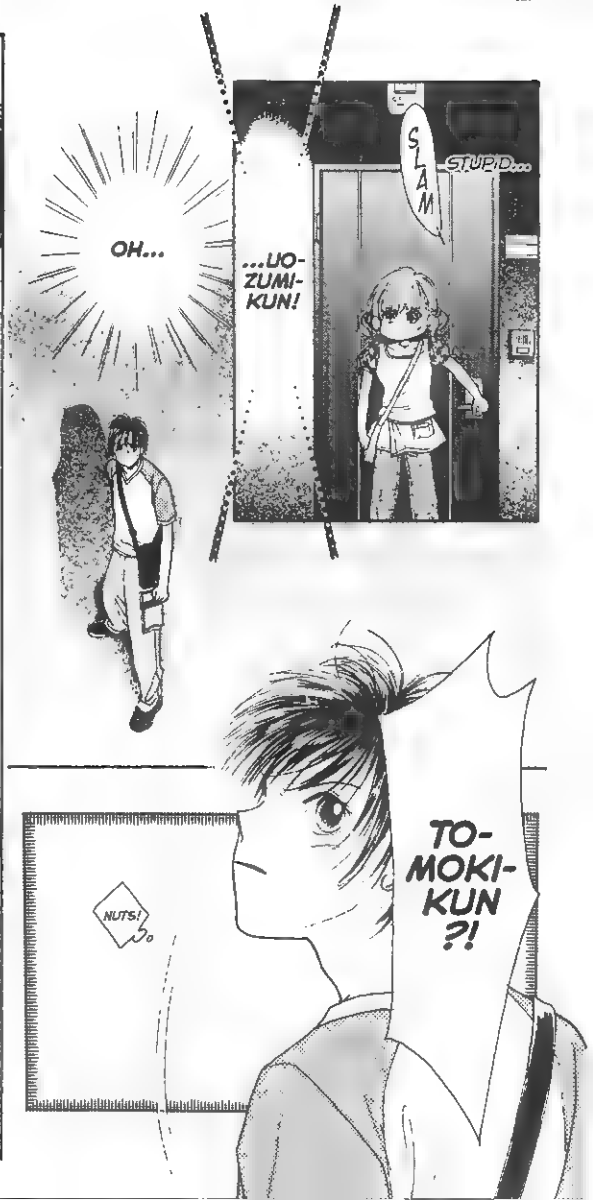
Tomoki Uozumi

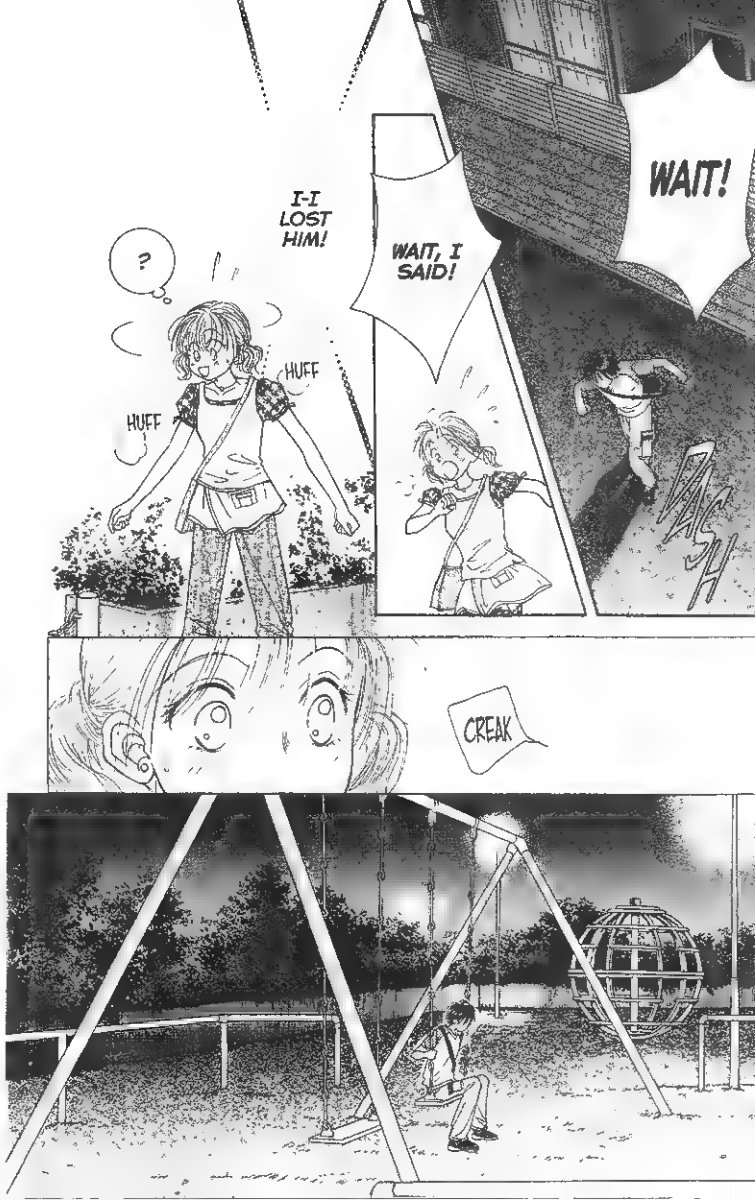
- Blood type AB
- Born May 5th
- 2nd year student at Koto High School
- Has a little bit of both a brother and sister complex
- Arrogant personality
- Has the fierce desire to become bigger (taller?) than Eichi



Shizuka Uozumi

- Blood type A
- Born October 4th
- Died at the age of 18 while on a trip to Hawaii
- The oldest child in the Uozumi family
- Neither of her younger brothers could ever defy her
- Loved her brothers



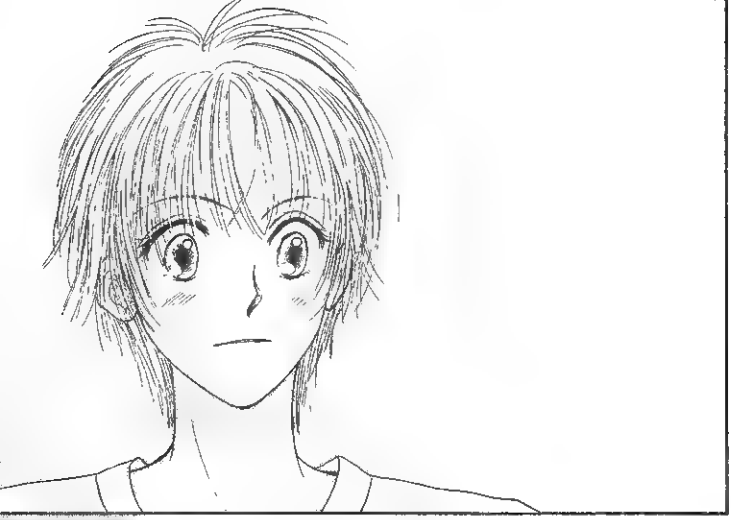

WAIT!
WAIT, I SAID!
I-I LOST HIM!
?
HUFF
HUFF
CREAK

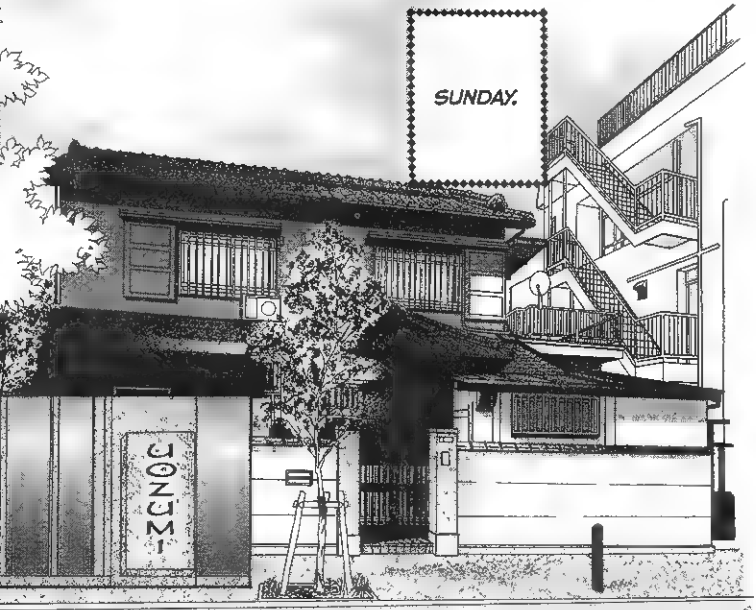
T-TOMOKI--KUN...
TWITCH
HI, E-CHI
PISSES ME OFF...
HE REFUSES TO GO HOME...
...BUT HE'S ALWAYS, "SHIZU! SHIZU!"
IT'S LIKE, I'M HERE, TOO!!
DAMN YOU, E!CHI!

WHAT DO YOU THINK'S SO FUNNY, WOMAN?!
BLUSH
I'VE GOT IT...
AHA...
HA...
I'LL HELP YOU!

YOUR BROTHER IS JUST BEING OBSTINATE.
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
DING-DONG DING-DONG
...WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?
BUT...

CLICK
YOU AGAIN! WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
YOUR PART-TIME JOB!
CAN'T I WORK FOR YOU THAT DAY?
THAT WAY...
...YOU CAN GO BACK HOME, RIGHT?




SUNDAY.
JONJMI

I'M HOME.
RATTLE
EICHI!
BLUSH
OH! EI-CHAN!
YOU'RE LATE!
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU..
HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT?

HEY!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T GET OUT OF WORKING TODAY!
YEAH, WELL, THE GIRL NEXT DOOR ...
HA!

2 F
CAFE HAMSTER
TOYS B WE
TOYS
KYAAA
GHAAA!
TAKE OFF YOUR HEAD!
KYAAA!
WHOOMP
YOU DID GO BACK HOME TODAY, RIGHT UOZUMI-KUN?
FINISHED...
TAP TAP
PHEW...

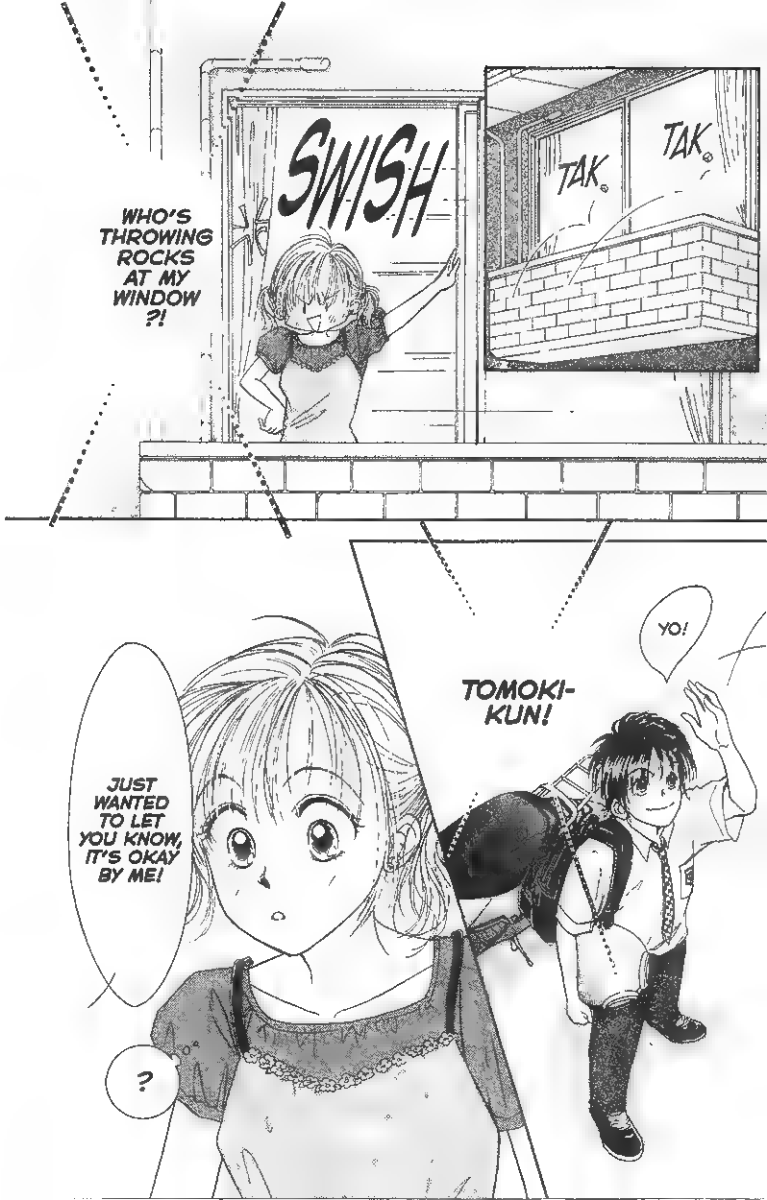
UOZUMI-KUN!
THAT THERE'S ONE UGLY FROG.
GULP
W-WEL-COME BACK!
EEW! YOU STINK...
DIZZY
OH, THAT'S REALLY NICE!
PUFF PUFF

GOOD THING YOU WENT BACK, RIGHT?
HEH-HEH.
WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF?
FROM MY MOM...SOME PRESENTS, SOME HAND-ME-DOWNS...
WOW, IS ALL THAT FROM HOME?
YAY!
WANNA HAVE SOME WATER-MELON?
YOU WOULDN'T BE SAYIN' THAT IF YOU KNEW HOW HEAVY THIS WAS!

THE NEXT DAY...
POPULAR! RECOMMENDED MOVIE
AUSTIN POWERS
SORRY, SOLD OUT
AH! THERE'S ONE COPY LEFT!
LUCKY!
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.
HEH-HEH
HEY, I WAS GONNA GET THAT...!
TOO BAD!
JERK
SNATCH
YES! THE LAST COPY!!

WE ARE NEIGHBORS, AFTER ALL!
WHY DON'T WE WATCH IT TOGETHER?
TUG
OKAY? OKAY?!
STARE
BUT I WANNA WATCH IT RIGHT AFTER I TAKE A BATH, LYING DOWN IN JUST MY UNDERWEAR.
MEANIE! MEANIE! MEANIE!
ALL RIGHT, YOU WANNA SEE IT?
THIS ONE TIME!
TURN

YOUR TREAT?
YOU'RE REALLY PUSHY, YOU KNOW THAT?!


SWISH
TAK.
TAK.
WHO'S THROWING ROCKS AT MY WINDOW ?!
TOMOKI-KUN!
YO!
JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW, IT'S OKAY BY ME!
?

GRIN
YOU'VE GOT MY APPROVAL TO BE EICHI'S *WOMAN!*
N-NOOO! WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT!

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Episode 9

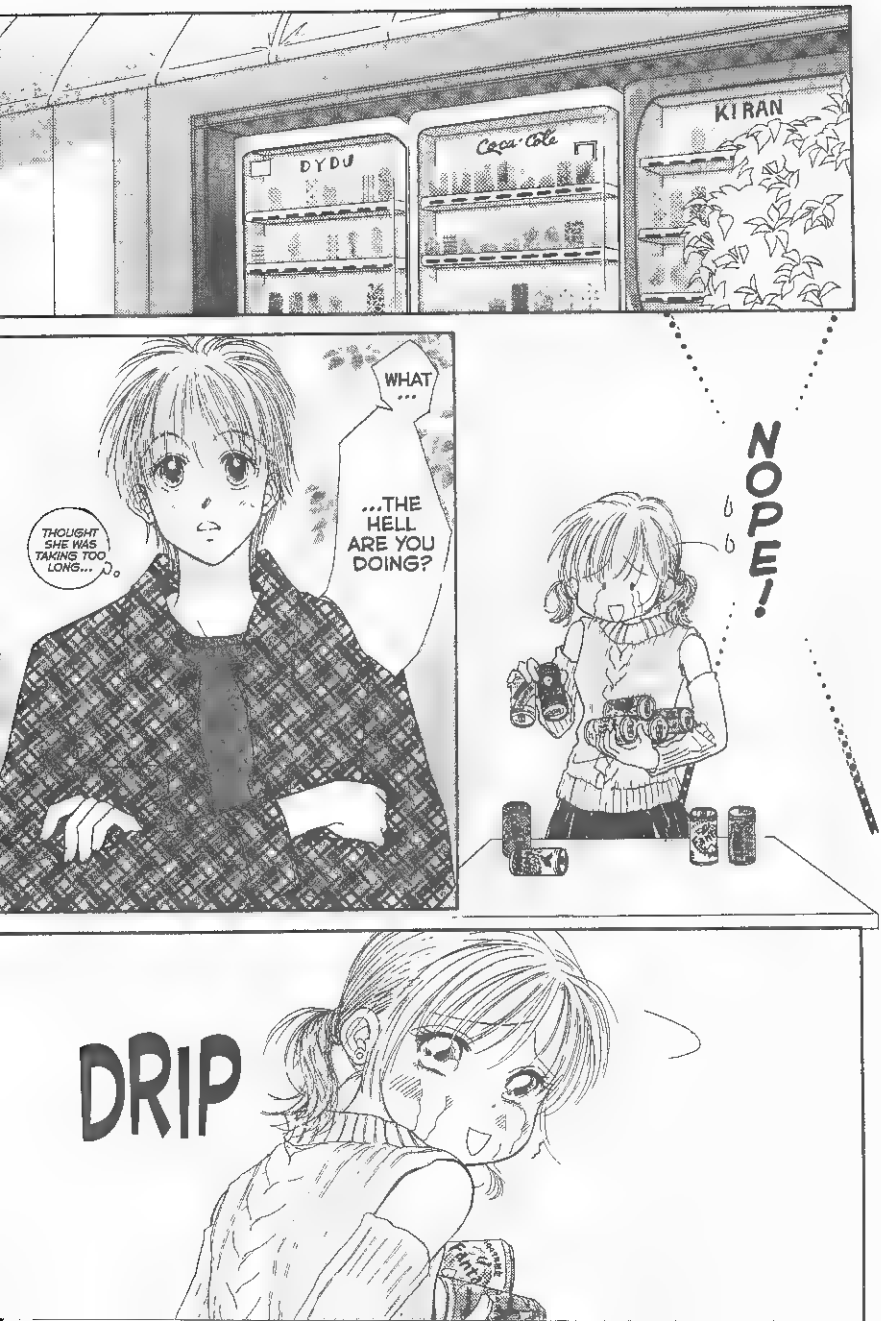
FALL.
KOTO UNIVERSITY'S FESTIVAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
SMASH CLUB♡
GRIN
GRIN
YOU GUYS CAN TAKE OVER FROM HERE ♡
HERE YA GO!
WHAT IS THAT, SERIZAWA-SAN?

IF WE'RE GONNA BE HANDLING FOOD, WE GOTTA BE SURE NO ONE'S SICK. RULES ARE RULES.
EH?!
SCHEDULE BOARD
JUST DROP 'EM OFF AT THE INFIRMARY WHEN YOU'RE DONE.
??
TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.
FOR YOUR STOOL SAMPLE.
RUSTLE
MY NAME'S EVEN ON IT...
AHA HA HA!
IT'LL PASS, FRESHMAN.
FWAP
BUT ... I'M CONSTI-PATED!

STARE
?
?
?
HEY... EICHI ...
CRAP!
EEEE...
IN THE POO, DAMMIT, IN THE POO!
HOW DO YOU USE THIS LITTLE STICK?
DON'T TELL ME IT GOES IN YOUR BUTT...?
THE SMASH CLUB'S DECIDED TO RUN A TAKOYAKI STAND AT THE FEST.
INGREDIENTS
DRIP DRIP
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY!

WANT ME TO GO GET A DRINK?
I'M THIRSTY TOO.
RATTLE
FWISH
AH! EMPTY!
KSC
OOLONG TEA.
AU LAIT.
SUZUNA, GET ME ORANGE.
SUGAR-FREE COFFEE!
PEACH DRINK.
UM... ANYBODY ELSE?

WHERE YOU GOING, ASHI-HARA--SAN?
OH! JUST TO BUY SOME SOFT DRINKS.
CLICK
TEA!
SPORTS DRINK!
PRUNE JUICE!
COLA!
H-HOPE I CAN CARRY ALL OF THEM...
O...
...OKAY!


DYDU
Coca-Cola
KIRAN
NOPE!
WHAT ...
...THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
THOUGHT SHE WAS TAKING TOO LONG...
DRIP

YOU GOT CARRIED AWAY...
...AND TOOK ALL THE MEMBERS' ORDERS, DIDN'T YOU?
BECAUSE YOU'RE A DOPE!
AND NAÏVE.
.....
YOU'RE CARRYING THE LION'S SHARE
SORRY ABOUT THIS ...
TAP TAP
THAT'S A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY!
WELCOME BACK!
SMASH CLUB

AH! THANKS.
YOU WANTED THE PEACH SODA, RIGHT, UOZUMI-KUN?
I HAD THE PRUNE JUICE.
TEA!
COLA!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THANK YOU.
AH! THAT MUST BE THE ONE I DROPPED!
FSST
FZZZ
WAA!

GLANCE
SHE'S NOT HERE... JUST MY LUCK...
SIGH...
BUT WHAT AM I THINKING? THE ODDS OF MEETING HER BY CHANCE MUST BE LIKE 10,000 TO 1 AT BEST!
AH!

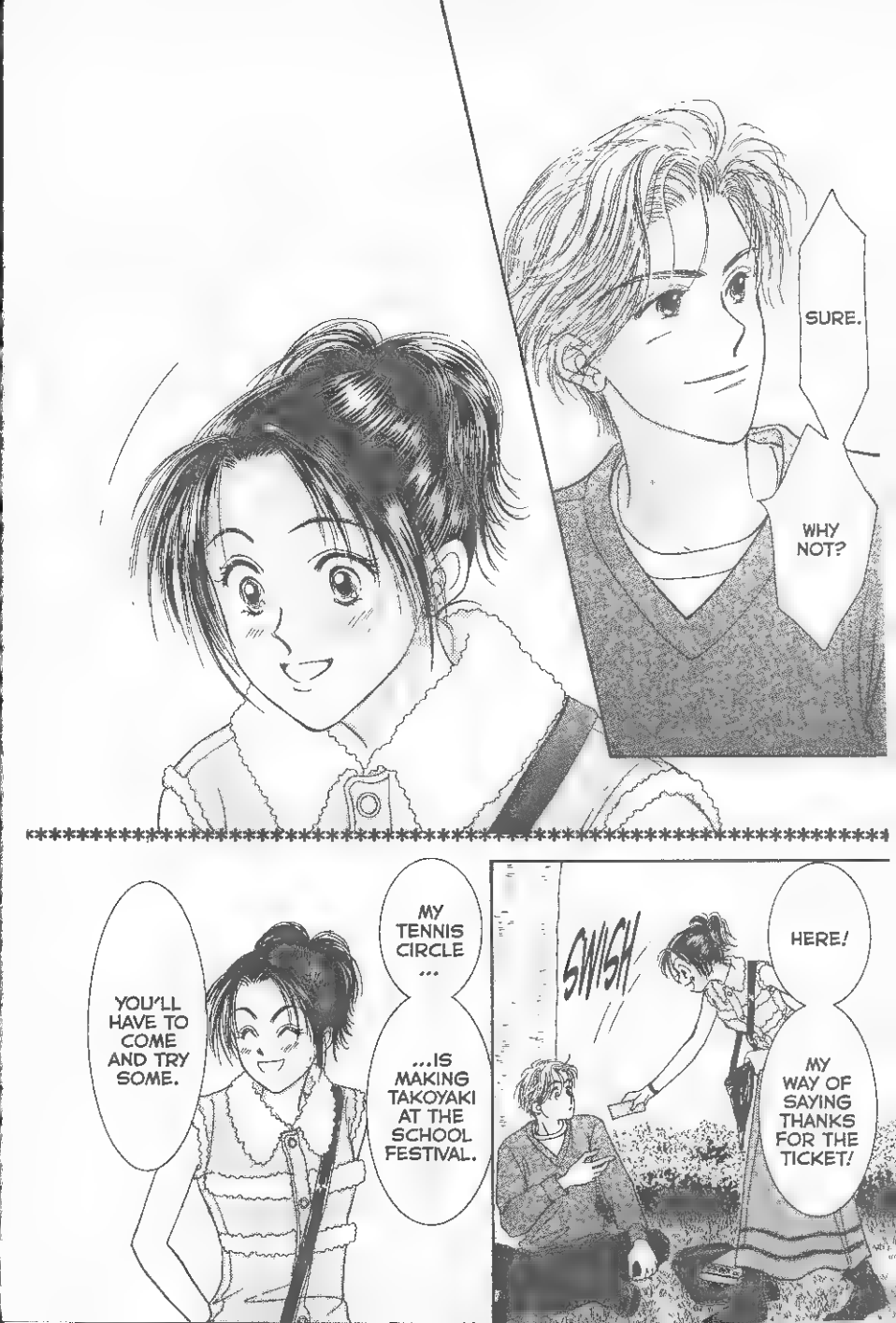
EH?
WHAT?
AH!
KYAAA! HE'S HOT. ♥
AH!
EXCUSE ME!
I'M SORRY
I-I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME-ONE ELSE!
WHY...
...DO I WANNA MEET HER SO BADLY?
THUMP
KYAAA!
I THINK HE WANTED TO PICK ME UP ♥
KYOKO, WHO WAS THAT JUST NOW?
.....

...THAT'S USED TO SHOW AFFECTION HERE...
αγαπη μου-- THAT LITERALLY MEANS "MY BELOVED"...
...BUT THE NUANCE OF THE VOCATIVE...
AH...
AHA HA!
UNDERTONE
"MY BELOVED"...
THE GREEKS ARE SUCH ROMANTICS...

ACK!
...BECAUSE NEXT TIME, YOU TWO ARE GOING TO RECITE IT.
THIS PAGE IS AN EVERYDAY CONVERSATION IN GREEK. COMMIT IT TO MEMORY...
Y-YES, SENSEI!
SORRY!
YOU TWO, IF YOU WANT TO TALK, TAKE IT OUTSIDE.
BUZZ
BUZZ
OKAY!
SEE YOU AT THE CLUBHOUSE
I HAVE TO DROP IN AT THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE!
SEE YA LATER!
...I SUPPOSE.
... HOKARI-SENSEI IS REALLY STRICT!
FOR SOMEONE WHO LOOKS SO SWEET...
HAHA...
SNIFF
MODERN GREEK
THE CAUSE

RUSTLE
IS THAT FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE, HOKARI-SENSEI?
CHUCKLE
YOU KNOW, THE SCHOOL CAF' ISN'T BAD...
HA HA
KAJI-SAN.
ACTU-ALLY...
...I'M NOT GOOD WITH CROWDS.

...TO A GREECE PHOTO EXHIBITION!
Masao Koike Photo Exhibition
"Greece· Country of the Crown"
A TICKET...
Inquiries M.K Co Tel.
Gallery Art Vision
1999
TICKET
GOOD TIMING, THOUGH.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO GIVE YOU...
RUSTLE
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S NEXT MONTH...
...AND I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D BE INTERESTED.
NO CHARGE. JUST GO AND ENJOY IT.
W-WHY DON'T WE GO TOGETHER?


SURE.
WHY NOT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME AND TRY SOME.
MY TENNIS CIRCLE ...
...IS MAKING TAKOYAKI AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
SWISH
HERE!
MY WAY OF SAYING THANKS FOR THE TICKET!

I WILL.
TAKOYAKI
BOW
I'M WORKING THE BOOTH ON THE SECOND DAY, FROM 2—4 PM
I'LL SERVE YOU A BIG HELPING.
CHUCKLE

THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
SMASH CLUB
TAKOYAKI
CHEAP YUMMY $1.75
MMM...
POOO..

WHISPER
THAT'S A LOT OF SIGHING.
IS IT ABOUT "HONOKA-CHAN"?
I SAY "KASHIWAGI-SAN"...
...BUT YOU CALL HER "HONOKA-CHAN"?!
OW OW OW OW OW!
EEP!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
I'M AFTER HER.
I'LL HAVE TWO PACKS.
FUKAMI-KUN. I'LL TAKE ONE PACK!
TH-THERE'S A WHOLE HERD OF THEM...
STIR
WHAT TIME DO YOU WORK UNTIL?

AH! SENSEI!
S-SURE!
ONE CARTON, PLEASE.
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT HIM, DON'T YOU?
GR
N
OH, HE EATS CONVE-NIENCE STORE BOX LUNCHES TOO.
IT'S HARD FOR ME...
...TO CONJURE UP THE IMAGE OF HIM EATING TAKOYAKI.

THREE PACKS, PLEASE.
AH!
HELLO.
KASHI-WAGI-SAN?!
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT THAT, FUKAMI-KUN.
SSS SSS
UMM
TH-THREE PACKS, RIGHT?
?
POK POK
IS...
IS IT REALLY YOU?

SEE YOU!
BOW
AH...
ONE PACK, FUKAMI-KUN.
I'M NEXT.
WHY DON'T YOU GO AFTER HER?
LEAVE THIS TO ME.
SMASH

DASH
EH...? WHAT...?
KASHIWAGI-SAN!
FUKAMI-KUN LEFT?
OH, PUNCHY-KUN! ♡

AH!
YEAH.
LONG TIME NO SEE!
AH!
WE'LL SAVE YOU A SEAT!
AH!
GOOD.
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
GIANT OKONOMIYAKI
ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING FOR YOUR FEST, KASHIWAGI-SAN?
EH?
REALLY? WHEN'S YOURS?
KOTO'S FESTIVAL IS EARLY, ISN'T IT?
IT'S STILL OCTOBER...
FROM NOVEMBER 13TH...

A-AS A MODEL ?!
I'LL BE IN THE GRADUATION...
... FASHION SHOW.
ALL OF THE DESIGNERS HAVE TO MODEL THEIR OWN CLOTHES, SO...
EH...? RIGHT.
I...
I WANT TO SEE IT!
HEY, FUKAMI!

IF YOU'RE IN THE MOOD FOR TAKOYAKI, HEAD ON OVER TO THE SMASH CLUB BOOTH!
SORRY ABOUT THIS, MISS!
SMASH
SERI-ZAWA-SAN!
YOU'RE ON DUTY, REMEM-BER?!
AH!
GRAB
WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE, ALL OF THE FEMALE CUSTOMERS VAMOOSE!
UWAAA!
I-I HARDLY EVER GET TO TALK TO HER...
AH...
AHA-HAHA!

YEAH!!
GOOD LUCK
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
I'M PROUD TO PRESENT KOTO U'S TRADITIONAL PRETTY WOMAN CONTEST!!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS! ♡
SUZUNA, THIS WAY!
ALTHOUGH OUR SECOND AND THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS ARE ALREADY WELL AWARE OF THAT, RIGHT?!
THE CATCH IS, ALL OF OUR CONTESTANTS ARE REALLY **MEN!**
EH...?
YEAHHH!

THIS IS A BATTLE OF BEAUTY...
...AS MUCH AS IT IS A SHOW-DOWN OF SEXINESS...
...AND OUR CHAMPION WILL BE THE ONE PERSON WHO REALLY BRINGS DOWN THE HOUSE!
YAAAAYYY!
...IS THE REAL "MS. KOTO U!"
THIS YEAR, TOO, OUR GUEST JUDGE...
WAAAAA
AA
GULP
NUMBER TWO...
NUMBER THREE...
HEY!
ENTRY NUMBER ONE IS A FRESHMAN IN THE JUDO CLUB..
YAWARA-CHAN!
...A TESTOSTERONE-FUELLED "YAWARA-CHAN"*!

*nickname for Ryoko Tani, a famous female judo competitor. the nickname comes from the title character of a judo manga series

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Yoshikuto Hakuei-sensei

- Blood type: O
- Born April 2nd
- Single, 27 years old
- Greek language teacher
- Lives alone
- Laid back personality
- His parents run a tree nursery. (He's the son of a landowner who raises trees on a vast tract of land.)

Norihiro Serizawa

- Blood type: B
- Born February 17th
- Third year student at Kato University
- Was a member of the Kato High School tennis club
- OB ("Old Boy" or alum, i.e. has peer power over Fukami)
- Smash Club mainstay
- Loves to get pumped up about events

ENTRY NUMBER 8: A SMASH CLUB FRESHMAN, "ALICE UOZUMI-CHAN"!
AH!
SHOVE
GO!
FALSETTO
H-HI!
AGH.
8
H-HE'S CUTE!
THAT'S REALLY A GUY?
HEE-HEE-HEE
SNORT
H-HE LOOKS TOO GOOD!

I'M...
...GOING TO TAKE IT OFF!
TIME TO SELL IT, ALICE-CHAN!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO FOR US?
ALICE!
YOWWWWW!
ALICE!

MACHO.
THANK YOU, ALICE-CHAN...
SMACK
THANK YOU, HONEYS.
♡
AHAHAHA!

THE PRETTIEST WOMAN OF THIS YEAR'S CONTEST IS FRESHMAN SMASH CLUBSTER, ALICE UOZUMI-CHAN!
HUH?
WAAAA
ALL RIGHT, IT'S TIME TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS!
PUM PUM PUM PUM PUM
99
PRE
TTY
WO
MAN
WAAAA
QUEEN FOR A DAY!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
CHU
CHU
CHU
CHU
EICHI!
EICHI...
...IS THIS YEAR'S QUEEN?
HAS TO SELL TO THE CROWD AS PUNISHMENT
SMASH CLUB
FANTAS-TIC!
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP

AND NOW, ON THE CENTRAL LAWN...
...WE PRESENT "OPEN-AIR THEATER."

YOU'RE GONNA CATCH COLD LIKE THAT...
...ALICE-CHAN.
and talk of peace
MMM...
WAKE-UP SMOOCH!
did my heart love till you?

WHY DON'T YOU GO AFTER HER?
DESPITE EVERYTHING, UOZUMI-KUN...
...IS ENCOURAGING.
SHE'S THE GIRL WHO WAS AT THE LAKE, ISN'T SHE?
"KASHIWAGI-SAN"...

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME...
...I'VE SEEN FUKAMI-KUN LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL?

JUST DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.
IT WAS A SWEET AND BITTER NIGHT.

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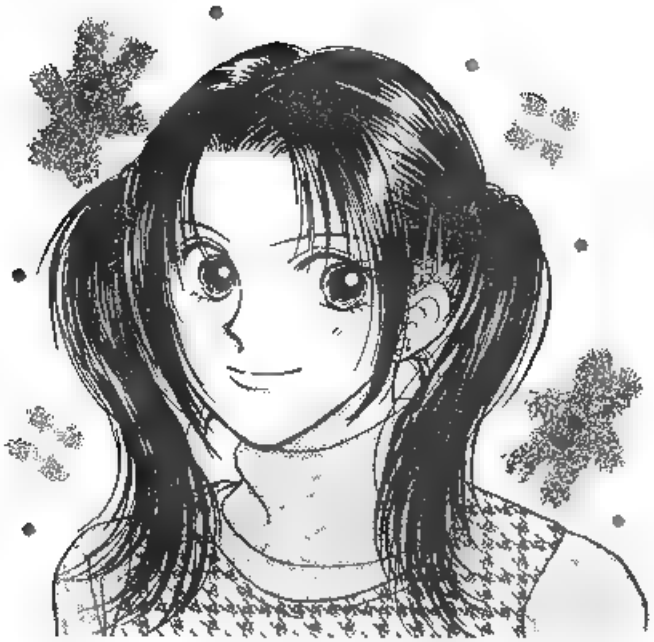
Episode 10



"JUST DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS."

IT FEELS LIKE THE DEEPEST PART OF MY HEART...

...HAS BEEN SPLIT APART BY AN AXE.

NOD NOD
WAAA!
HE'S SOUND ASLEEP...
OH, WELL...
RATTLE
EICHI!
EICHI, YOU HERE?!
HUH? FUKAMI?? YOU'RE YOUNGER...
IN HIGH SCHOOL?
In Dream

AT SHIZU'S FUNERAL...
...HE CRIED MORE THAN ME.
EICHI!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE STRONG!
WHENEVER HE HAD SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT, HE'D MAKE A BEELINE TO ME.
HEY, THAT'S GREAT!
I MADE THE INTER-HIGH SINGLES!
I DID IT!
HE SHARED IT ALL WITH ME.
WHEN HE WAS HAPPY...WHEN HE WAS SAD...
LET'S CELEBRATE!
EICHI!
EICHI!

OKAY...
...FUKAMI.
HUH?
MM... AH.
?
THROB
WHAD
WAKE UP!
CUT IT OUT! IT'S EMBAR-RASSING!
GAAA!
HE'S DREAMING ABOUT ME?!
ZZZZ

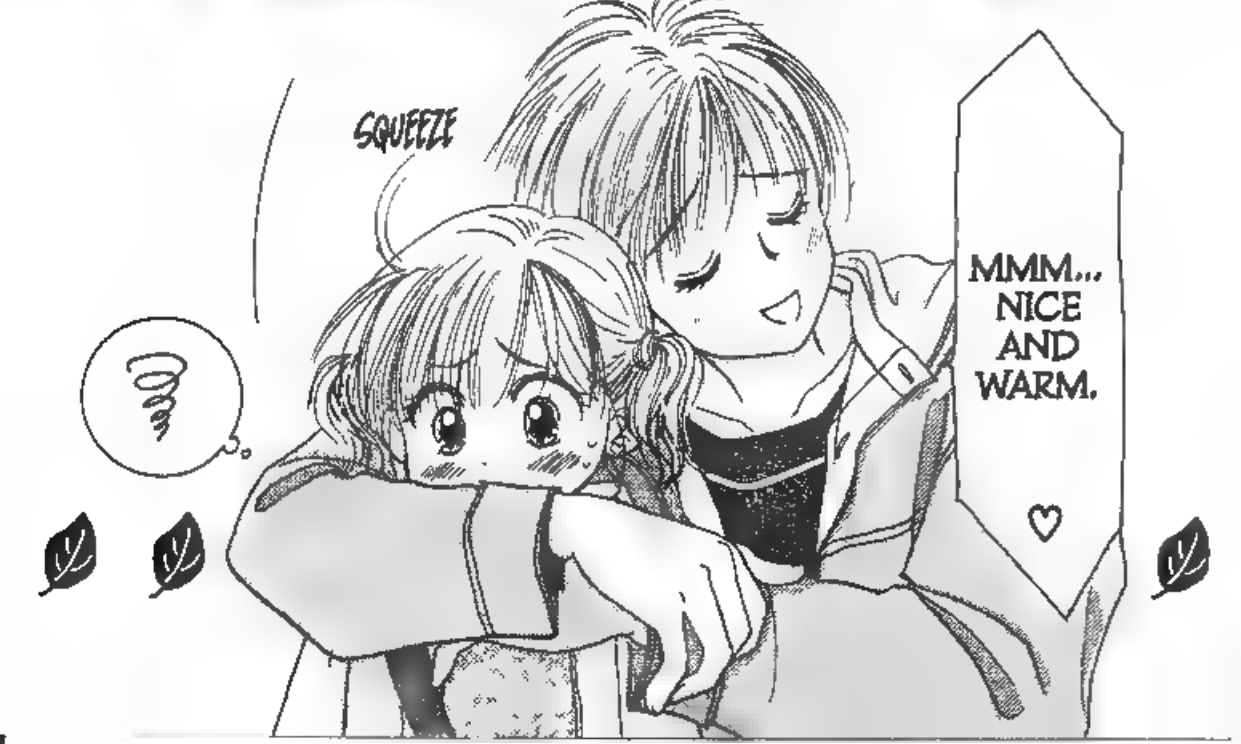
* Bowl of rice with breaded, deep-fried pork cutlet on top
KATSU-DON* SET!
HE'S SPECIAL.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SPECIAL...
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN EATING ?!
OH, IT'S ALICE-CHAN.
MMM... I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I HAD MEAT.
I FEEL LIKE A CATER-PILLAR.
CABBAGE SOUP, FRIED CABBAGE, PARBOILED CABBAGE, ETC.
I BUY A HEAD OF IT AND EAT A LITTLE AWAY AT A TIME.
EXCEPT FOR FRIDAYS, I'VE BEEN SUBSISTING ON CABBAGE LATELY.
YESTERDAY WAS PAYDAY AT MY PART-TIME JOB, THOUGH, SO NOW I'M LOADED. KIND OF.

HEY...
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ME?
MMM... OMELET.
IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA EAT THAT, I'VE GOT DIBS.
HEH-HEH
ABOUT HER...
I THINK ...
...I'VE BEEN SHOWING NOTHING BUT MY BAD POINTS.
SWIRL
SWIRL
AH ...
... FUKAMI ?!
WHAT W... ...
KOFF KOFF
HUFF
MMPH!
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HONOKA-CHAN?
HEE
HEE

I DON'T KNOW.
I FEEL LIKE I'M WALKING ON AIR ...
...BUT I MIGHT BE THE ONLY ONE.
!
PFFT
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A DUMMY ...
...BEFORE ANYTHING EVEN HAS A CHANCE OF GETTING STARTED!

NOBODY WANTS TO FALL IN LOVE WITH...
...A PESSI-MIST!
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I MUST BE AN IDIOT!!
BAM BAM BAM
RUSTLE
TAP TAP
WHAT THE HELL AM I EGGING HIM ON FOR?!


SQUEEZE
MMM... NICE AND WARM.

WHISPER
I WOULDN'T DO THIS TO JUST ANYONE...
UOZUMI-KUN REALLY LIKES PHYSICAL CONTACT...
HEAVY...
I NEARLY FORGOT HE WAS LIKE THIS!
NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO A GUY THAN HIS FACE! AND YOU WOULD MESS THAT UP?!
SSSSS
DASH
STING STING
DASH
CHILDREN ARE NATURALLY WARMER ...
CRACK

"JUST DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS."
UOZUMI-KUN GAVE ME THE PUSH I NEEDED.
I'VE ...
... DE-CIDED.
SPIN
... WITHOUT LETTING HIM KNOW HOW I FEEL.
I DON'T WANT IT TO BE OVER...

WELL, DON'T EXPECT ME TO PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS.
NYAAA!
AHA HA HA!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
STRUCK.
CLANG
I KNOW YOU.
I KNOW HOW YOU TRY TO HIDE YOUR KINDNESS BEHIND LACK OF TACT...
FOOO
BRR!

I DON'T REGRET...
...FALLING IN LOVE WITH FUKAMI.
YO, EICHI!
WELCOME HOME.

LET'S DO HOT POT TONIGHT!
MEAT!
Meat Maestro
YEAH, YEAH...
-GRAB
I LOVE YOU!
YESSS! HOT POT PARTY WITH FUKAMI-KUN.
WE'LL GET A LOT OF CABBAGE.
Meanwhile
CLICK CLICK
SLUCKER
I PHONED HINAKO BEFORE COMING AND TOLD HER TO PICK UP THE VEGGIES.
SHE'S AT THE SUPER-MARKET WITH ASHIHARA-SAN. SOONER OR LATER THEY'LL BOTH BE OVER.
BET YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT THAT!

I'M GONNA TRY...
...INVITING HER.
HEY, YOU CAN COME WITH ME...
...TO SEISHIN'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL!
BAM
HAH ?!
THEY'RE HAVING A FASHION SHOW...
...AND KASHIWAGI-SAN IS GONNA BE IN IT!
ALL I KNOW ABOUT HER IS HER NAME AND SCHOOL ...
...SO THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN SEE HER FOR SURE!

HEY, FU-KAMI ...
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "INVITING" HER?!
GRAB
I HEAR THEY'VE GOT A BIG AUDITO-RIUM.
YOU CAN TAKE ASHIHARA-SAN ALONG AS YOUR DATE!
DING-DONG
AH!
HI!

BUBB
BUBB
BUBB
THIS ONE IS POOR TOO!
MEAT.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!
FOO!
FOO!
MEAT.
FOO!
FOO!
TH-THEY'RE LIKE PUPPY DOGS!
?
GAHAHAHA!
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SCRUB
SCRUB
SHAAA
THAT'S SOME DYNAMIC DISHWASHING, FUKAMI-KUN!
THUMP
THUMP
Played rock-paper-scissors for the dishes...and these two lost
YEAH, THANKS.
I-IS THIS ENOUGH ?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
FUKAMI-KUN, YOUR SLEEVES ARE GONNA GET WET.
AH.
ROLL 'EM UP, WOULDJA ?

?
GRIN
AH...
BLUSH
NOTH-ING.
?
THUMP THUMP
I-I CAN'T TELL HIM HERE...
BY THAT, HE MUST MEAN..."ASK HER OUT," RIGHT?
HEE-HEE!
AHA HA!
"INVITE"...
THIS IS HILARIOUS!
KYA HA HA

EH?
IT'S BORING...
MY CHEST...
...HUH?
HUH? BICHI..
YOU DON'T THINK THIS IS FUNNY?
WISH?!

EH ?!
POODLE-CHAN, HOW ABOUT GOING ON A DATE WITH ME ON SUNDAY?
TURN
ACTU-ALLY ...
...FUKAMI INVITED US BOTH ...
...TO SEISHIN'S FESTIVAL.
SEISHIN?
SEISHIN WOMEN'S JUNIOR COLLEGE.
KASHI-WAGI-SAN'S SCHOOL.

A Day in the Life of Maotaro 36

In human years, my cat, Mao, would be about 90(?) (As of 10/4/2000, he's 17 years old.)
Just recently, Mao went to the hospital.

When I brought him in, he was as limp as a rag doll, but recuperated rather nicely with an IV drip, etc. Just in case, though, I was told to leave him at the hospital overnight.
Early the next morning, I got a call from the vet. (Oh, no! Don't tell me Mao is...?!)

(CAT BOX)

Mao, who'd been placed in a transparent incubator, was showing his fangs and rolling his eyes crazily. Yipe!
(He looked like a gremlin in one of those movies.)

Whenever the nurse would cross in front of him, he would lash out with both front paws, punching the plastic window.

ANYWAY, I'M HAPPY HE'S GOT HIS HEAD BACK.

ISN'T IT TOUGH ON YOU?
I FEEL SORRY FOR UOZUMI-KUN...
POODLE-CHAN, YOU'RE GONNA STRETCH OUT MY JACKET.
SNIFF
TUG
CLICK

ISN'T IT HARD ON YOU?
...IS THAT WHETHER BOYFRIEND OR BEST FRIEND...
ALL I KNOW...

...HE'S PRECIOUS TO ME.

G-SHOCK
THU
13:21
PROGRAM
LATE!
BOTH EICHI AND ASHIHARA-SAN!
THE DAY OF SEISHIN'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL ...
RING RING RING
BEEP
HELLO ?
FUKAMI-KUN, IT'S MEI

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
BEEP
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?!
A-AT THE KONDO HOSPITAL..
UH
U-UOZUMI-KUN GOT IN AN ACCIDENT ...
H-HE WAS HIT BY A CAR...
BOOP BOOP
EH? UH, FUKAMI-KUN?!
TAXI!

UOZUMI-KUN!
WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT?
BOOP BOOP
OUT OF THE SERVICE AREA.
EH...?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
...BUT HE SAID HE WAS COMING HERE.
I WANTED TO TELL FUKAMI-KUN THAT WE'D BE LATE, SO TO GO ON AHEAD OF US...
THE FASHION SHOW...
... MUST HAVE ALREADY STARTED BY NOW !!
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW ?!

I TOLD YOU, IT'S NOTHING.
JUST A SCRATCH!
I DODGED AT THE LAST SECOND.
DOESN'T IT HURT?
I'M FINE.
I SHOULD'VE BEEN PAYING MORE ATTENTION TOO.
AH! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
YOU'RE OKAY? NO BONES WERE BROKEN ?!
WE'LL PAY YOU A VISIT AGAIN REALLY SOON.
I'M STILL SHAKING!
SKRE
BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN, FOR THAT TO HAPPEN ...
SHO

EICHI ...
HUFF HUFF
FU-KAMI !!
GULP! HE CAME ALL THIS WAY AND I'M HEALTHY AS A HORSE.
UH ... LET ME EX-PLAIN ...
THANK GOD!

UOZUMI-KUN IS THE ONE WHO'S CRYING!
TRICKLE
THANK GOD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
SHOVE
FUKAMI, WHAT ABOUT THE SHOW?!

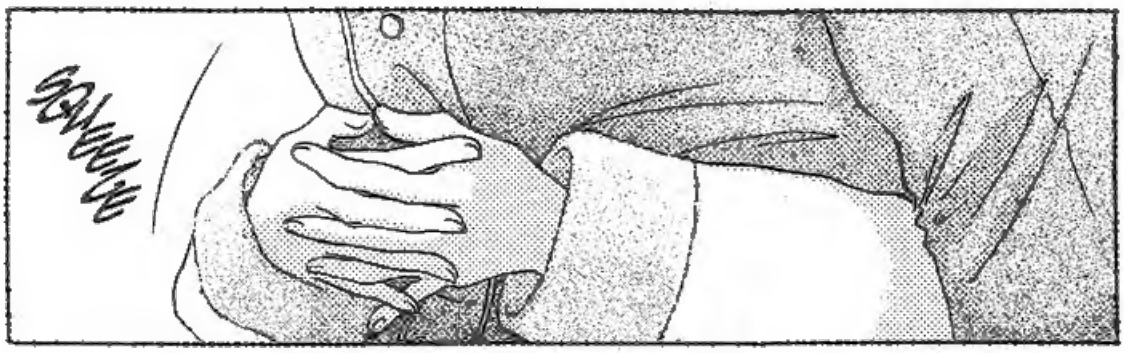
SEE YOU GUYS LATER THEN.
I'M SORRY, FUKAMI.
I'LL CATCH UP AFTER I'M DONE HERE
YOU MAY STILL HAVE TIME TO GET THERE BEFORE SHE GOES ON!!
GO!

THAT WAS SO COOL OF YOU.
FUKAMI-KUN!

Y'KNOW, I REALLY LIKE YOU.
THANKS.
RUFFLE
HICC...

YOU MADE IT!
OUR LAST THEME FOR TODAY IS "WHITE"!

A WEDDING DRESS!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
GORGEOUS!
OHHH
FALLING IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN?
SHOW'S END.
LATER!
SEE YOU LATER, FUKAMI!



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